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BETWEEN OURSELVES

America fights on in its battle to give every man and woman the opportunity for the necessities and common comforts of life. In time of peril, any course was better than no course. A course was offered; gratefully and prayerfully we followed. It is in no sense of criticism of the hopeful, optimistic and inspiring leadership which is blazing the trail that we must pause to ask ourselves, may not the price of victory be too great? When prosperity returns for all, may we not find we have paid in coin more precious than the worldly wealth it perhaps has brought us? For there can be too great a price even for prosperity.

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Democracy's cornerstone is Liberty. Not an abstract, ill-defined, mass liberty; but personal, individual liberty. Liberty to achieve according to one's ambition, intelligence and strength; liberty to live one's life, liberty to think, to say, to write, to work, to play, to act, to do, to believe—so long as he harms no others. In times of empty stomachs and idle hands it may seem a thing we would surrender—for work—for food. But do not forget that with empty stomachs and shivering backs, the men at Valley Forge kept the faith—for Liberty. Think of them no longer as in school days, struggling on for a mere word—a slogan. Behind the word was the vision; it must have meant something to them—shall it mean less to us? What would its loss mean to you and me? Would we care to be told to just what degree we might prosper and no further?—just what sort of work we should do for the good of the state and just how much we should receive whether we did it well or poorly?—just what sort of house and neighborhood we might live in?—just what sort of political beliefs we were to uphold and just whom we were not to dare to criticize? Would life, even with a full stomach, be worth the living under the circumstances?—with the joy and the savor of struggle and success beyond any possible reach; with those few and golden hours when we may follow our idle fancy taken from us?—with the shaping of our own destiny—even the delusion that we *might* so shape it—no longer in our minds?

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The Democracy of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson had two tenets: the good of the whole;

the rights of the individual. To-day how much we hear of the former—how little of the latter! In Russia, in Germany, in Italy, there is no longer the pretense of the rights of the individual—the good of the State is all. Are we to follow? Must we follow? Do we wish to follow? Are we willing to resist following? In that resistance are we willing to face many a subtle enemy with false promises, never letting the vision of the rights of the individual fade? For "the good of the whole" must the "rights of the individual" go? Communism says Yes. Fascism says Yes. Dictatorship says Yes. Is Democracy about to say Yes?

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Make no mistake; there are indications that it is! And this is said with the utmost respect, sympathy and admiration for the leadership and the united front with which the Nation has resolved that no man shall starve or suffer. It was the only course. But already democracy has said how long we may work; already it has said how much of what we earn it will take from us; already it is ready to say how much a man may possess; already its own needs reach dangerously near the point where productiveness of wealth cannot shoulder the burden. When productivity outside government agencies is taxed for governmental support beyond the limit of existence, what comes next? Government becomes all. Every act of our daily lives—our very existence —dependent on the mass will—where then will be what meager vestiges now remain of our much vaunted freedom?

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We have said that what has been done had to be done. True, and we believe it has been done with no intent other than to define the limits within which individual liberty may go without bringing suffering on the mass. But in that justifiable curbing lies a portent with which the unscrupulous can whet the imagination of the many. And no stone is being left unturned to do that very thing. Paint a picture of food and comfort to the man who is hungry and cold—and he cares little for abstract liberty. Tell a man who hasn't a penny that wealthy men shall be stripped of their gold and it shall be given to him and he cares little that the chance to succeed by his own hand and brain will be taken from him at the same time. And again make no mistake: there is a powerful drive not to be ignored which would make the necessarily socialistic steps already taken but a stepping stone to outright Communism, depending on the selfishness of humanity as a weapon.

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One of two courses faces this country. Either the old individual freedom to achieve according to ability will survive, chastened by the lesson that success shall not be at the ruthless expense of others —either it will survive guided by more humane principles of a square deal for the other fella along with the freedom of each to find his own success; or else it will become a socialist republic in which the limits of success and the boundries of opportunity will be decided by those who have most to gain by any particular regulation. The "good of the whole" will be an empty shibboleth to camouflage the avarice of those who wish to profit without toil; and the "rights of the individual" will be out the window.

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Granting that a strong and dictatorial stand by the government was necessary when not liberty but life itself was at stake—let us not be deluded into an unconditional and permanent surrender. Better life than liberty when a choice must be made; but both life AND liberty must and shall be our heritage. Beware! Keep watch! Be ready to make a stand while a stand can yet be made. This is not Russia; it is not Italy; it is not Germany. It is America. The ideal of Washington—not simply a free Nation but a Nation of free MEN, is still the highest ideal of government and the only path to happiness. Never relinquish it. The test will come; it may not be far away. We are Americans all, and can still hold against the world tide if we will. With the memory of Valley Forge, let us resolve to make the fight.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Y.D.V.A.

To All Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Amended By-Laws of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, notice is hereby given that the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Association will be held in the State Armory, Rutland, Vermont, on Friday, June 22, at 3:00 P.M., at which time and place all regular business which can properly come before the legislative body of the Association will be considered.

The following proposed Amendent to the Constitution and By-Laws will be presented to the Convention for its action:

Proposed that: Article V, Section 2, of the Amended Constitution be hereby stricken out and the following inserted therefor;

Section 2. The following shall be eligible to active membership in this Association: Any officer, nurse, field clerk or enlisted man in the service of the United States, or honorably separated therefrom who served in the 26th Division in foreign service at any time up to and including November 11, 1918, or who served in the 26th Division in foreign service after November 11, 1918, for a period of not less than thirty days.

—William J. Blake (M)
National President

Philip N. Sanborn (M)
National Secretary

THE YANKEE DIVISION MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE IN BOSTON

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an exhaustive report of the deliberation of the YD Club of Boston (CH) as to whether financial necessity shall force the closing of the YD Memorial Clubhouse as a social Club.

In this place, YANKEE DOINGS wishes to undertake a somewhat different and broader discussion of the YD Memorial Clubhouse, its intent and significance.

Immediately following the discharge of the 26th Division, steps were taken which culminated in the subscription of sufficient funds by the people of New England to purchase, renovate, furnish and dedicate a Memorial Building to the memory and achievement of the Twenty-Sixth (Yankee) Division. At that time, it was not the people of Boston who raised the money, but the people of New England. Nothing was said about it being a Clubhouse for YD men who lived in Boston, but a Memorial Clubhouse TO all YD men and FOR all YD men.

Naturally those living nearby were bound to receive more benefit and profit more by its use than those who lived further away. Recognizing that fact, several classes of membership were established on a sliding scale of dues, whereby the men at greater distance, paid less.

The Yankee Division Veterans Association was formed, and in its Constitution one finds that the permanent National Headquarters shall be located in "Sector Pas Fini," the National Memorial Clubhouse in Boston. Under the Constitution of the Veterans Association, provision was made for the establishing of other YD Clubs or Chapters, many of which were formed in the early years, but nearly all of which subsequently died. It became necessary in order for a man to belong to the YD Veterans Association that he become a member of the YD Club of Boston, resident or non-resident, depending upon where he lived.

Unfortunately, the general feeling grew up, among men in places distant from Boston, that, in spite of the fact that they were paying lower dues, they were, in some way, holding the bag for the men in Boston who were really getting all the benefit of the Clubhouse. As a matter of fact, the low dues which they were paying were entirely turned over to the YD Veterans Association to pay for YANKEE DOINGS which was sent them. But the feeling persisted. So the Constitutions of both organizations were changed, so that the YD Club of Boston became the home Chapter of the Veterans Associations, and a man might join the latter as a member-at-large without joining either the YD Club of Boston or any other Chapter. This, although it did not make non-resident dues any less, seemed to have the desired psychological effect of taking the name "Boston" out of the organization which the man was joining, and helped membership in the National Association. A less happy effect however was that it put the entire burden of the upkeep and operation of the National Memorial Clubhouse onto the shoulders of the local group, which gradually assumed the proportions of merely a Chapter, whereas the original intent was something far different from that.

The later renewed and healthier growth of other Chapters in the past two or three years has been an outgrowth of this change, and has only served to intensify the position of the Boston Club as merely a Chapter. In matters of administration this is perhaps so, but when it comes to the matter of the Memorial Clubhouse it should not be so.

The present crisis in the affairs of the YD Club of Boston, as reported elsewhere in this issue, makes this time most opportune for a most judicial analysis of all angles of the picture. Remember, first of all, that the original intent of the YD Memorial Clubhouse was as a memorial and a clubhouse for ALL YD MEN. The money was raised on that basis. In spite of this fact, the entire support of this Club has been coming from the local membership group. It is true that the larger part should come from them; in fact, regarded as a "Club" it may be argued that it should all come from them. But the burden which is now proving too great to carry is not the burden of operating a "Club" but the burden of maintaining an expensive piece of real estate, a Club HOUSE. The whole meat in the cocoanut is that the fact has been entirely overlooked that this building is not one thing but two things: it IS a Clubhouse, and as such its principal use is *bound* to be by the local members; BUT IT IS ALSO A NATIONAL MEMORIAL HEADQUARTERS.

Translated into the cold terms of finance and business administration, what does this mean? It means that in addition to the answer given by the local members as to whether (1st) they desire, and (2nd) they are able, to operate it AS A CLUB; the answer should be sought from ALL MEMBERS OF THE Y.D.V.A. as to (1st) whether they desire, and (2nd) whether they are able, to maintain it, either in a dual capacity, or in a single capacity, AS A NATIONAL MEMORIAL HEADQUARTERS.

A great many angles present themselves for discussion. The first is whether or not the Y.D.V.A.

membership outside the Boston area has any desire to maintain a National Headquarters of this size and expense. It is undoubtedly true that many members would say no; many who belong to the Y.D.V.A. on the very grounds that it DOES NOT maintain an expensive National Headquarters, but actually returns to them in the form of YANKEE DOINGS, etc., the relatively small amount which they pay as dues. It is also true that there are those who would help to support such a National Headquarters in the spirit in which it was created, a National Memorial Building to ALL YD men. That being the case, no general assessment could be levied; and any Headquarters maintenance fund would probably have to be of a voluntary nature, the same as the fund which created the other Memorial to the Division, in Belleau.

Provided that any considerable sentiment was found to exist in this direction, the next question would be: upon what basis should the National Headquarters be operated? Should it continue to have the dual capacity of a local clubhouse? If so, would not the old feeling arise that men outside were "holding the bag" to make possible Club facilities for the local men?

The only two possible answers to this question which occur to the writer of this article are: Do way with local Club facilities, open the building ertain hours of the day as a Memorial Building; operate it as the Headquarters of a National organization; or (2) continue in the dual capacity, placing the maintenance of the BUILDING squarely upon the ENTIRE membership; and the maintenance of the Club FACILITIES squarely upon those who use them. This would mean that the taxes and insurance would be carried by the entire Y.D.V.A., but that salaries, light, heat, operating expense and maintenance of furnishings would be upon the local group.

The portion carried by the entire membership would have to be separate and apart from their DUES, as such, in the Y.D.V.A., and might be known as a National Headquarters Maintenance Fund. It is not impossible, in the opinion of the writer of this article, that sufficient sentiment could be found among Y.D.V.A. membership outside of Boston (and sufficient money, too) to make this proposed scheme entirely feasible, thus removing just enough of the burden on the local membership to make it possible to operate a Club successfully, and yet not impose on those who would not use such a Club any of the responsibility of running it. It would, at the same time, bring back into the forefront the original intent of the building.

In a sense, all that goes before is unofficial, no action having been taken by the YD Veterans Association, but the President and Secretary have discussed the matter along these lines.

In concluding, let it be said that regardless of whether some such scheme is worked out, and also regardless of whether the YD Club of Boston finds it necessary to close as a Clubhouse, the Yankee Division Veterans Association is continuing on, is making its plans for the coming year, and is counting on the splendid continued support of its members. —P. N. S. (M)

P.S. YANKEE DOINGS would appreciate expressions of opinion from its members, both in Boston and outside, on the proposed suggestions embodied above.

ANNUAL YD CONVENTION IN RUTLAND, VERMONT

June 22, 23 and 24, 1934

It's all settled, fellas. Our point of assembly when June rolls around again this year is to be up in the heart of the Green Mountains, the charming little town of Rutland. Already they're preparing for us, and speaking from past experience, when Rutland sets out to give you a good time, you HAVE a good time. It isn't so very big, but it's got loads of "it", and then again, the smaller a place the closer together we all will be, and after all, isn't that what we go to Conventions for?

Mark the dates down on your cuff, or in your hatband or some place, June 22, 23, 24, get out the old road map and see where Rutland is; then just plan to gather together all the old cronies in your neighborhood AND GET THERE! Rutland guarantees you won't have to sleep on the common (in the meantime we guarantee Rutland that probably most of us won't even think about sleeping, anyhow).

Transportation arrangements will be made so that the "Advance on Rutland" will have some semblance of organization. But don't let that part worry you too much. We always used to get where we wanted to go, and we still can. Large centers of YD population: go ahead with your own plans for getting there, especially places where YD Chapters exist. Organize your own movements, publicize them, get the gang together and hit the trail, Portland, Manchester, Concord, Keene, Nashua, Springfield, Worcester, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, Lynn, Lawrence, Providence, and all the rest. Don't depend on some letter-perfect scheme from Boston, just go ahead on your own hook, and issue your marching orders. Rutland will be waiting to take care of you.

Due to the long, hard, cold winter, especially up

Vermont way, plans have been late in being perfected this year. It is also true that the YD population of Rutland is less than that of Providence, Portland or Concord. But they are making up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers; the Chamber of Commerce is working with us and for us, hand in glove, and the old Convention fun will be on tap.

We can't give you any registration, housing or program information before next month. On Saturday, April 7, the National President, Col. BLAKE (M), and the National Secretary, PHIL SANBORN (M), made a trip to Rutland to meet the local Committee and others, and get the working organization smoothly rolling. But that date fell after this issue went to press. One thing however can be pretty definitely prophesied: the Rutland Convention will be less filled with a program of stated events, and will be more in the nature of a get-together and provide your own good time. There will be, of course, the Annual Meeting of the Association, the Parade, and without a doubt a sort of Field Day of outdoor enjoyment at nearby Lake Bomozeen. But, as always, the fun will be in the spontaneous meeting of old friends, the visiting around in hotels and on the streets. Don't let the distance or the relative smallness of the town keep you away: there will be accommodations for all, and good times for all. And it isn't so small at that; it is one of the liveliest towns yours truly has ever visited.

One more thing: Vermont is still legally dry. *But*, the whole country was dry when we were in Portland, and when we were in Concord. More about it next month.

AMERICA AND THE NEXT WAR

By **ROYAL K. HAYES (M)**
National Chaplain, YD Veterans Association

Millions now living will witness another great war within the near future. War is inevitable and the clouds are gathering to-day over Europe and the Orient. Mars is in the saddle and the machinery of destruction is being oiled for new battlefields.

Not since 1914 has there been so much talk of peace and so much preparation for war. It reminds us of the greatest peace gathering in all history, which disbanded in a tragic-comical manner on the eve of the World War. Many American delegates were serenaded to their boats by the roar of distant artillery.

All the frantic efforts of professional pacifists and the oceans of ink spilled by propagandists plus the honest convictions of idealists cannot prevent the next war. Japan and Russia are buying large supplies of nitrate in Chile, and nations do not use nitrate in Peace Foundations or in creating the spirit of brotherly love. Japan and Russia are rushing their military forces into the Manchukuo territory. Japan is hungry for a loaf of war; Russia stands ready to feed her steel.

Europe sits on kegs of powder and juggles sticks of dynamite, while Peace Conferences are in session. The League of Nations calls frequent recesses so that the diplomats can return to their respective countries, in order to push through programs for bigger and better navies. There is as much confidence among the European nations to-day as one would expect to find among the guests at the Pickpockets' Annual Ball.

France and Germany have a genius for remembering their history. While they chatter about peaceful relations, France tightens the iron-clad ring around Verdun, and Germany dreams of some future Christmas dinner in Paris. Observers of world conditions and current history inform us that spies are about as numerous as the unemployed and that Europe is in a perpetual state of fear and hate. No matter which way one looks at the picture Europe and the Orient are getting prepared to put on a show which will resemble the tragedy of 1914-1918.

Where will America be in the next war? If America has learned anything of value by observation and experience, she will keep busy minding her own business. The trial and error method is a costly experiment but the lessons learned are long remembered.

We have learned that it is a silly business to cross the ocean to fight, in a vain attempt to make the world safe for democracy. In the last war we did not make even our own Wall Street a safe pasture for the Bulls and Bears. We have learned that it pays to take the profits out of war. We have learned that the only fair system in case of war is universal conscription, i.e., conscription of capital, labor, and man-power.

Switzerland has compulsory military training and beautiful scenery. Switzerland surrounded by warring nations during the World War preserved her national honor and maintained a state of neutrality. Let America profit by the good judgment displayed by the Swiss in the World War. This idea that America must cross an ocean in order to protect her own shores, three thousand miles away, is the kind of logic one could expect coming from a violent ward in a mental hospital.

Napoleon rated quite high in his knowledge of tactics and military strategy. He did not attempt to win battles with illusions and day-dreams. Napoleon found several ways to land troops in

England but he never discovered one way to set up a permanent base of operations on English soil. If America maintains adequate national defense and is properly equipped for defensive warfare, there is no nation or group of nations that could establish and maintain bases of operations on either the Atlantic or the Pacific coasts, and neither could any nation or group of nations land troops and keep up their services of supplies on our soil.

Europe and the Orient seem ambitious to dance at their own funeral. Let us choose to watch at a safe distance the suicidal attempts of power-drunk nations. It will be their party. We paid for the last show and we did not like the epilogue. We have no money to sink in another international flop.

Utopias do not appear upon the map. From the days of Plato to the present age, honest but misguided idealists have believed in their dream of the ideal of social perfection. The ideal state, like pacifism and internationalism, is simply a figment of the imagination. Like the Elysian Fields and Santa Claus, perfection in human personality or in the ideal state is just another myth. Man is a bundle of complexes. He has drives which are good and drives which are evil. War will never be outlawed by sweet speeches and charming articles. The only protection against a war of aggression is adequate national defense.

We believe in preventive measures as the only guarantee for economic health and political security. Our first duty is to our own country. This is not a selfish philosophy, when judged by present day international standards. It shows some intelligence to respect the philosophy of Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, and Franklin.

Whether we accept Spengler's thesis or not, the fact remains that we must acknowledge that Western Civilization looks rather anemic and acts rather psychotic, judged in the light of history. Our old world appears to be in a state of rapid decline looked upon from the cultural, economic, and political points of view. We see evidences of decay as we read the story of the march of time. We must leave the facts in the making to the historians of to-morrow. But we cannot afford to hide our heads in the sand like the ostrich, during this most critical period in world history. There is too much at stake for us to sit complacently in the grandstand while a world cracks up at our feet.

Human nature shows little or no changes through the centuries. Under the various veneers of education and conditioning, man remains very much the same. For instance, take Gibbon and read the story of the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire". Change the proper names and dates and one can mentally picture the present day gangs at Geneva, Berlin, Moscow, and at Mr. Capone's former Chicago hotel arsenal. Customs and laws change, but man remains a human being, subject to human weaknesses. Scratch man and he still bleeds and fights. As long as there are bank robberies (inside and outside jobs), fist-fights on sand-lots, and family battles in home sweet home, there will be wars and rumors of wars among the nations of the earth. The lion and the lamb are not yet properly trained as jolly playmates and man is not ready to exchange his battleships for wings.

America is more than a nation. Americans are a special race in the making according to many anthropologists. We are mixed by blood and traditions into a unique people. Our different viewpoints are in keeping with the spirit of America. We have learned to live and let live. There is a peculiar psychology in America which makes us nationalists in spirit. Our differences in religion, philosophy, and culture have acted as healthy checks and balances, in our social, political, and economic life as a people and a nation.

America may be destined to cradle the human race if Europe and the Orient return to another Dark Age. In our hands is the torch of civilization. Let us resolve to mind our own business while the rest of the world goes off and gets drunk on hot blood.

A SEA-GOING YANK

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

I suppose you are wondering where I am now hanging my hat. Well, I have been down here in this troubled country of Cuba, where shooting and bombing seem a familiar sight. Only yesterday while I was ashore, they had a Communistic demonstration with shooting going on. We had to duck in doorways until the shooting subsided. They still have martial law here. Everywhere you go, soldiers are patroling the streets with a full roundabout of ammunition and rifles. They do not hesitate to shoot in case trouble starts. Only lately have we been able to enjoy liberty ashore.

We were down here nearly three months when the trouble was at its height and no shore leave was granted; we were in a stand-by status, ready to go ashore in case American lives were endangered. I am in the Landing Force myself, acting in the capacity of a first shell man on a three-inch field piece. We have a landing force of about two hundred men on board the U. S. S. Richmond. All together we had represented in Cuban waters thirty vessels of various tonnage ready to take a hand in case the situation got beyond control. Things at present are beginning to look more favorable. They have had four Presidents in the last four months; the latest one has the situation fairly well under control. He has gained the recognition of our Government. Will keep in touch with you in case of any change in situation. My best regards to the Club Members and any former Buddies of C Co., 101st Infantry.

—A. J. KALINOSKI (M) E. M. 2/c
U. S. S. Richmond

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

The Annual Meeting of the YD Club of Boston (CH) was held at the Clubhouse on Thursday evening, March 15. The only business to come before the meeting was the election of officers for the year 1934-35, the following being elected:

President: HAROLD J. SMITH (M) (101st F. Sig. Bn.)
1st Vice-President: JOHN J. KELLY (M) (101st Inf.)
2nd Vice-President: STEWART B. JOHNSTON (M) (102nd M.G. Bn.)
3rd Vice-President: MICHAEL J. MCLAUGHLIN (M) (101st F.A.)
Treasurer: RALPH M. EASTMAN (M) (101st Engrs.)
Secretary: WILLIAM SNYDER (M) (Hq., 26th Div.)
Directors for 3 years:
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (M)
ROBERT DUNCAN, JR. (M) (101st F.A.)
Director for 2 years to fill unexpired term:
NORMAN B. CARTER (M) (101st Engrs.)
Director for 1 year to fill unexpired term:
ALBERT PACIFICI (M) (101st Inf.)

This meeting, as is the usual custom, was combined with the regular March monthly smoker, the speaker of the evening being Hon. Gaspar Bacon, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

Lieut. Governor Bacon, himself a veteran and an active worker in veteran affairs, as well as a staff officer of the present 26th Division, M.N.G., spoke sincerely and convincingly of the higher duties of citizenship in the performance of which veterans can exercise so great an influence in the momentous affairs of the day.

Brig. Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM (M), scheduled also to speak at this smoker, was unavoidably absent in connection with his duties as Mass. Commissioner of Public Safety, and conveyed his regrets through the Club President, HAROLD SMITH (M).

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the YD Club of Boston (CH) was held in the Clubhouse on Tuesday evening, March 27, for the purpose "of determining the future operation of the Club and the amount of annual dues."

President HAROLD J. SMITH (M) occupied the Chair, and called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M. Approximately 130 members in good standing were present, admission being strictly by paid-up membership card only.

In explaining more fully the purpose of the meeting, President SMITH (M) stated that for a period which commenced before the beginning of his first administration as President, the Club had been faced with a situation in which annual receipts failed to cover annual operating expenses. He enumerated the several more important factors which contributed to this situation; namely, a lessened membership, which he ascribed partly to the depression and partly to a smaller degree of interest in the YD Club so many years after the war; a decreased revenue from the leased portions of the Club building as compared with six or seven years ago, due also to the general business situation as well as the local changed conditions; the complete cessation of the very sizable income from the sale of Christmas cards which was realized several years ago, due to increased competition both by mail order organizations and retail stores. He further stated that no seemingly adequate suggestions or proposals for operating the Club on the present plan had been made to the Board of Governors, which had weighed every suggestion made, two previous meetings of the membership and several meetings of the Board having been held for the express purpose of investigating ways and means either to curtail expense, increase revenue, or both. He stated, that of 90 Club members comprising many of the former higher officers of the Division and many successful business men who had been invited to attend one of these previous meetings, 30 were present; and of 8 or 10 invited to appear before the Board to advise the Board, one, Gen. SHERBURNE (LM), appeared.

In continuing, President SMITH (M) made it known that it was the opinion of the Board, at least he believed himself correct in stating that it was the opinion of the Board, that the problem was not an immediate financial problem; that the present indebtedness of the Club, at the close of its fiscal year, was in the neighborhood of $1200.00, which, with the free and clear ownership of the property, was far from being a bankrupt situation. The problem was rather one to be regarded in the light of a general trend rather than a given situation at any one particular moment. The trend has been toward a decreasing revenue, and although operating expenses have been cut to the lowest point —in the opinion of the Board—commensurate with operating the Club in the present manner, there is still a sizable annual deficit.

In concluding, the President stated that it was within the constitutional powers of the Board of

Governors to close the Club facilities, but rather than take the responsibility for such drastic action, the Board had decided to put the entire question, and all available information pertaining thereto, squarely up to the full membership in open meeting; that the Board agreed to be governed solely by the decision of the members; that every member present was guaranteed full opportunity to speak his full and free opinion without let or hindrance, even if the meeting took all night.

Sentiment Against Closing

Among those who spoke from the floor, a majority seemed clearly of the opinion that a sufficiently forceful effort to still further curtail expenses, coupled with an energetic drive for additional revenue, both in the form of increased membership and along other lines, held sufficient promise of success to warrant the effort. There was a decided sentiment against closing the Club facilities, or even curtailing the hours during which the Club rooms should remain open. Some speakers contented themselves with this expression of opinion, together with fervid oratory exalting the memory of the Yankee Division and its record of never failing to succeed in any enterprise undertaken. Others made more concrete suggestions of how the actual situation could best be met. These suggestions ranged from seeking greater publicity through more frequent public appearance as a semi-military organization to keeping the Clubhouse open only in the evenings with a consequent smaller payroll, reducing the number of paid employees from three to one. The advisability, for revenue's sake, both of higher dues and lower dues, was thoroughly discussed. It became necessary to limit speakers to ten minutes each, to be allowed another five minutes by vote of the assembly.

In order to bring the question into more definite form, Treasurer Ralph M. Eastman (M), after giving a careful interpretation of the Annual Auditor's Report, together with a resume of his observations of the trend of Club finances during the past few years of his many years as Treasurer, and the apparent impossibility of discovering a successful remedy to the present situation, stated that the Club facilities as such were being made full use of by very few of the Club membership, many more of whom used the Club merely to attend the monthly smokers, and still others paying their annual dues merely as a matter of loyalty and principle, seldom if ever even entering the Club. He believed, and stated that he was of the opinion that the other members of the Board, or at least a majority of them, also believed, that no great hardship would be exercised on the great majority of Club members if the Club rooms were to be closed, merely maintaining an office and opening the building for the monthly smokers. He stated that he felt that the heat, light, salaries and other expenses thus saved would amount to nearly $10,000 a year out of a total expenditure of about $14,000. (In reply to subsequent questioning, Mr. Eastman (M) amended this figure to "$8000 or $9000".) Mr. Eastman (M) placed in the form of a motion that the Club rooms be closed for a period of one year, that the Club, as an organization, remain in existence, that dues be collected in whatever amount should be subsequently decided upon, that the office be maintained for the purpose of transacting Club business, sending out of notices, etc., that the monthly smokers be continued and the Club opened for that purpose, that the money saved be used to pay off indebtedness in the hope that after one year, the facilities could be reopened as formerly. The motion was seconded.

"On the Motion"

The Chair announced that discussion of the motion was in order. Among those who spoke on the motion, the great majority spoke in opposition; those speaking in favor bringing out the point that they did so with regret, feeling it a necessary course.

Yankee Doings regrets that space will not permit the enumerating of the particular arguments stressed by the many speakers. Among those speaking against the motion were: George Evans (M), Sabine Sousa (M), Martin L. Taylor (M), John H. Smith (M), William Connolly (M), Wayland M. Minot (M) and many others. Many speakers were neither definitely for nor against the motion, confining themselves to a discussion of the situation, and the possibilities of avoiding such drastic action. Others who spoke were: Stewart B. Johnston (M), James Sullivan (M), Thomas R. Covey (M), William J. Blake (M), Joseph Galligan (M), Sigsbee Donovan (M), Joseph Simmons (M), Austin F. Appleby (M), John J. Kelly (M), William J. Brown (LM), John Morris (M), Timothy J. Mulcahy (M) and others.

It is only fair to say that every speech from the floor was imbued with the spirit of loyalty and love of the Yankee Division, whether the speaker felt the Club must temporarily close or not was merely an opinion, all alike in the sincerity and ring of their words, giving ample proof that the bonds of friendship which created the Club are still strong.

After an analysis of the Annual Financial Report by Mr. Joseph Galligan (M), an accountant, in which he placed a different interpretation upon the figures than that placed by the Treasurer, and in which he pointed out that the income for the calendar year 1933 was greater than for the calendar year 1932, and that were it not for the fact that $1,400 to $1,500 had been expended in the renovation of the Club rooms, the balance sheet at the end of the year would have been favorable rather than unfavorable, he concluded in a tone of

sincerity which brought a choke to the throats of his listeners as well as his own, painting the memory of our common service and the high ideals of comradeship in which the Club was organized. He sat down amid continuing and furious applause.

The Treasurer answered Mr. GALLIGAN's (M) interpretation by stating that the money expended for Club renovation was a separate fund raised for that purpose, and that that accounted for the greater revenue for the year 1933.

Final Decision Postponed

Mr. THOMAS R. COVEY (M) stated that in view of the different interpretation placed upon the financial situation by apparently reliable and informed speakers, he believed that a definite vote on the Treasurer's motion to close the Club facilities would be unfair; and that he for one would not vote to close until an impartial analysis had been made of the true picture.

Mr. TIMOTHY J. MULCAHY (M) moved that the Treasurer's motion be laid on the table for a period of two weeks, until the evening of April 10, during which interval, a committee, to be appointed by the Chair, investigate the financial situation and the amount of dues to be charged and report to a meeting of the members on that night. The motion was seconded AND SO VOTED. A subsequent motion by Mr. MARTIN L. TAYLOR (M), to reconsider, failed.

A motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Since the adjournment of the meeting, President SMITH (M) has announced the appointment of the following committee:

WAYLAND M. MINOT (M), *Chairman*
GEORGE L. NEWMAN (M)
JOHN H. SMITH (M)
EVERETT H. CASWELL (M)
RALPH M. EASTMAN (M)
STEWART B. JOHNSTON (M)
JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN (M)
THOMAS R. COVEY (M)
SABINE C. SOUSA (M)
RANDALL H. QUESSY (M)
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (M)
ALBERT M. PACIFICI (M)
EDWIN A. HOLMES (M)

The President has also announced that, although membership in the Club expires as of April 1, any member holding a card up to April 1, 1934, will be allowed to vote at the meeting on April 10.

The consensus of opinion following the meeting of March 27 was that regardless of the outcome of the main question at issue, an immense amount of good had been accomplished, the atmosphere clarified, and good feeling enhanced by the free and unlimited exchange of opinion among the members.

—P. N. S. (M)

Bulletin, latest: At the meeting on April 10, which will be more fully reported in the next issue, it was voted, by a vote of 53 to 41, to keep the Club facilities open the same hours as at present.

It was also voted to reduce annual dues from $7.00, including $2.00 Y.D.V.A. dues, to $5.00, including $2.00 Y.D.V.A. dues; and also to establish a non-Chapter, purely local, membership class, at $3.00, who would be members of the YD Club of Boston but not of the Boston Chapter, Y.D.V.A.—in fact not Y.D.V.A. members at all, and who would not receive DOINGS.

THE CHAPLAIN MILITANT

In Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES (M) (Hq. 51st F.A. Brigade), the YD Veterans Association has a National Chaplain whose middle name is action. Mr. Hayes, as has been noted in these pages before, is devoting his entire time to combating "The Menace of Communism" by both the written and the spoken word.

The topic is indeed a vital one to-day, and our Chaplain has the facts at his finger tips with the result that what he has to say is said convincingly and in a manner to command the attention of the press in the many places where he speaks. He, being first of all a YD man, is careful to see that such publicity gives prominence to his office in the Y.D.V.A., and thus this organization of ours is given publicity of a most favorable sort.

In recent weeks, Mr. Hayes has spoken at Wareham, and many other places on the Cape, also at Lowell, Chelmsford, and other scattered points, each time gaining recognition of the press. In Lowell, following an advance notice that he was to speak, copies of the Communist organ, "The Daily Worker," were found being sold on the street, for the first time in the knowledge of the local police there.

Mr. Hayes does not represent in his addresses that he is speaking for the Yankee Division, but it is doubtful if any members of the Yankee Division would resent being associated with the cause which he presents. It is his hope that the Association will endorse a resolution condemning Communism, which, after hearing the facts as he presents them, should certainly be expected of any body calling themselves American veterans.

MADEMOISELLE BIDS YOU AU REVOIR

With the publication of the two verses and their accompanying illustrations, "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," privately printed by "The Press of the Woolly Whale" of which MELBERT B. CARY (M) (103rd F.A.) is the owner, bids you au revoir.

Don't forget that the primary object of this series of excerpts in DOINGS from this charming little book has been to arouse the memories of readers to send in additional verses of that deathless ditty to the end that Mr. Cary can publish a second volume. Help him out with a verse or two, will you? Surely you must remember a few. Send them here to YANKEE DOINGS, and we will forward them.

The Y.M.C.A. went over the top,
Parlez vous,
The Y.M.C.A. went over the top,
Parlez vous,
The Y.M.C.A. went over the top,
To give the General a chocolate drop,
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Non, non, Papa, I'm not too young,
Parlez vous,
Non, non, Papa, I'm not too young,
Parlez vous,
Non, non, Papa, I'm not too young,
You know I'm a regular son of a gun,
Hinky dinky parlez vous.

Incidentally, the eight copies of the book which were donated by Mr. Cary to those who made the best showing in last Fall's Membership Mobilization have been awarded and sent to the winners, who are:

BARNEY T. CLARKE (LM), Noroton, Conn.
CHARLES F. LEAHY (M), Keene, N.H.
ELIOT A. CARTER (M), Nashua, N.H.
CLARENCE A. BUSH (M), Chicago, Ill.
WILLIAM J. SAYERS (M), V.P. for New Hampshire
C. BIRD KEACH (M), V.P. for Rhode Island
DANA T. LEAVENWORTH (LM), V.P. for Connecticut
Gen. EDMUND J. SLATE (M), V.P. for Massachusetts

SUGGESTS Y.D.V.A. HELP SUPPORT ITS HEADQUARTERS

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

DOINGS just arrived, and looking over same, I note your account of the Club in Boston, and think it would be a sad thing to see it slip away, just for inability to defray the expenses. To be sure, I do not get up there much, but have been several times and always like to drop in when I am in Boston.

As a suggestion, why not charge all Y.D.V.A. members $3.00 instead of the usual $2.00 and use that extra dollar for the Club, which certainly would help a lot. Also any members, you hear of, that cannot continue next year or any year for financial reasons, but are willing to, send out an S. O. S. in DOINGS, for, say, $20.00, $50.00 or $100.00 needed for members in arrears; other members, more fortunate, could chip in as low as 25c and cover the shortage. I think it is worth a try anyway.

I see the Convention is to be in Vermont this year and as I have never missed one yet, I don't want to miss this one.

—HAROLD K. MURRAY (M)

Bridgeport, Conn.
March 11

On Friday evening, Feb. 2, in the Hotel Bradford Ballroom, our 4th Military Ball took place. It was indeed a colorful scene, the members of the Post in their uniforms blending with the beautiful evening gowns of the ladies. The crowds began to filter onto the floor at 8.15 o'clock and until 10.30 enjoyed the music of Victor Moore's 12-piece orchestra.

During the intermission, Commander SABINE SOUSA (M) welcomed the guests. In a brief and snappy speech he introduced the distinguished guests from the stage. Chaplain DAVIS offered prayers for the dead of the Post and announced the serious illness of Col. WM. J. BLAKE (M) and Comrade DICK WHITE (M). (Both since recovered.—Ed.)

The Drum and Bugle Corps then followed on the floor, accompanied by the members of the Post, and rendered their impressive Tribute to the Dead. During the intermission, the writer and his comrades greeted two old-time friends prominent in YD circles, Capt. RALPH ROBART and JOHN HOLDEN (M), who were accompanied by a group of Melrose friends. Dancing was enjoyed to the wee small hours of the morning; every one had a splendid time and the 4th Annual Ball will go down in Post history as a social and financial success.

Monday evening, Feb. 5, the Post held its meeting. Commander SOUSA (M) called the meeting to order, 62 members being present. Chaplain DAVIS offered the Legion prayer. Finance Officer COLLINS (M) said there were 160 paid-up members in the Post.

Three new members were accepted into the Post: JAMES VEST, NEIL SHANNON and JOHN WALSH.

Chairman JAMES H. DUNPHY of the Dance Committee reported the Ball a social success. Comrade FURDON (M), treasurer of the Ball Committee, said that all the expenses of the Ball had been paid and a small profit was realized.

It was moved and voted that a vote of thanks be sent to the editor of YANKEE DOINGS for the full page advertisement given the Ball in the last number.

Past Commander WILSON (M) reported on the Drum Corps and requested that more members join and fill the vacancies in the Corps.

The Post Photo Unit composed of Historian HENRY CHAPIN (M), ROYAL K. HAYES (M) and MIKE MOONEY (M) spoke and gave an exposition of war pictures at the meeting of the V.F.W. and YD unit at Rockland on the evening of Jan. 20.

It was voted that Chaplain DAVIS be presented with four bars to be added to his Chaplain's medal, signifying his years as Chaplain of the Post.

Comrade WILSON (M) requested that he be permitted to resign as Chairman of the Drum Corps committee. This was granted and a rising vote of thanks was given to the Past Commander for his work in the Drum Corps.

After some debate and the approval of the majority of the members DICK WHITE (M) spoke on the remarkable progress made by the sons and daughters of the members of the Post who are members of the YD Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. He expressed his thanks to the members of the Post Auxiliary, and especially Mrs. Bertha Kenny, whose musicale and bridge party held at her home helped in purchasing a number of uniforms for the children in the Corps.

Past Commander KING (M) spoke on the benefits of child welfare and this was the first work of this nature ever performed by the Post.

Comrade POULTON (M) told how pleased and surprised the patrons of the YD Ball at the Copley-Plaza were on seeing these youngsters who will commemorate and carry down through the years the spirit of the YD when the American Legion is only a memory.

Monday evening, March 12, 64 members assembled at the meeting of the Post. The meeting of Feb. 26 was not held due to the blizzard that day. Commander SABINE SOUSA (M) called the meeting to order.

Comrade HALFENSTEIN (M) was pleased to state that the Welfare Committee was not "importuned for relief last month and the touches were practically nil." He reported Comrade GLANCY convalescing from his illness at the City Hospital.

New members welcomed to the Post are WILLIAM SNYDER (M) (Hdq. 26th Div.), FRANK COPPINGER (M) (E Co., 101st Eng.), NEIL SHAND (C Co., 101st Inf.), JAMES WALSH (E Co., 101st Inf.), ED. MCCREADY (D Co., 101st Inf.), JOHN FORD (101st Ambulance Co.) and ALBERT MONTI (D Co., 101st Inf.), also ALFRED HENDRICKSON (C 101st Inf.).

It was moved and seconded that the invitation to witness the war film, "Forgotten Men," be not accepted as it was classed as a cheap publicity stunt sponsored by the film's press agent. It was moved and seconded that the Post would not march as a unit in the Evacuation Day parade Saturday, Mar.

17, as the remuneration offered by the city was "insignificantly small."

Comrade MOONEY (M) read his report of the activities of the Photo Unit for the past winter when it showed and lectured on war slides in various Posts and clubs in the state.

Comrade J. SULLIVAN (M) moved that JOHN LOVE be appointed Sgt.-at-Arms in the stead of JOHN GOODE (M). Comrade LOVE was unanimously elected without opposition and despite his euphonious name will fulfill the duties of his office with a sense of stern and impartial justice.

It was announced that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Post will hold a series of Bridge Parties in March. Comrade DICK WHITE (M) spoke interestingly on the progress made by the Junior YD Drum Corps and their participation in the Mar. 17 parade in South Boston where they will make their debut and carry on the spirit of their fathers in the Yankee Division.

It was announced by Commander SOUSA (M) that Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES (M), Chaplain of the Y.D.V.A., will lecture on a timely and exciting topic on April 9th at the Post meeting. Tentative plans are being made for a monster "Athletic Night" at a downtown armory in conjunction with a National Guard Company. Members able to secure talent for this affair will communicate with the Post's athletic officer, MIKE MOONEY (M). The meeting was adjourned at 10.25 o'clock.

—M. J. M. (M)

ARE YOU HELPING US KEEP OUR PROMISE?

Since the publication of the Special Memorial Number, containing the advertisements of many of our own members, the Editor has gone out of his way to give what little his own personal patronage may be worth to several of those whose ads appeared. And he expects and intends to do business with others among the number. Are YOU making the same effort to co-operate with those who co-operated with us?

Dig out that number right now, make a note of those whose ads appear and what they sell. Then given them some business. That's only fair.

AN IMPROMPTU YD REUNION

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

A few weeks ago EARL ROBERTS (M), BOB SUMMERS (M), WILMER WEBSTER and myself were in Canada (which is just across the river) having a drink of water (?) and someone suggested having a YD party. After having the second drink of water (?) we then and there organized, YD style, and set the date of Feb. 21st for the barbecue. We met at the home of FRANK BOUCHARD and had some more water (?) and 3.2 (?), lobster, F. F. pommes de terre and a good time was had by all.

Everyone was called on to make a speech and did we have some fish stories. I am listing the YD boys below, so that you can send some applications for the Y.D.V.A. as we had none with us.

EARL ROBERTS (M) (103rd Inf.)
EDMUND MICHAUD (103rd Inf.)
DEDINE DUBE (103rd Inf.)
FLORENT BERUBE (103rd Inf.)
FRED J. PARADIS (103rd Inf.)
JOHN CYR (103rd Inf.)
FRANK BOUCHARD (103rd Inf.)
J. REX DOW (103rd Inf.)
ROBERT SUMMERS (M) (103rd Inf.)
WILMER WEBSTER (103rd Inf.)
RAY PINKHAM (101st Engs.)

Guests

MAJ. J. J. MACCASKILL, Chaplain Canadian Army
IRENEE CYR, Town Mayor
LARRY FOURNIER, Village Mayor

It is needless to say that I was in for a lot of razzing being the only Engineer present.

—RAY PINKHAM

Ft. Kent, Me.
March 3

"SHORTS"

Dr. CHARLES H. SPRAGUE (M), formerly Captain of the 102nd Ambulance Co., and later of the 103rd Ambulance Co., was decorated on February 7 by the Polish Government for "distinguished service during the war while serving with the 26th Division, and for assisting Polish veterans since the World War." General Josef Haller, representing the Polish government, bestowed the decoration.

THOMAS A. KIRWIN (LM) (Batt. A, 101st F.A.) is now manager of the bond department of F. S. Bryant & Co., of Boston.

ANOTHER YANK TAKES UP THE GAUNTLET AGAINST COMMUNISM

Elsewhere, readers will find an account of the work being done in combating Communism by the YD Veterans' Association's Chaplain, Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES (M).

Interestingly enough, a clipping from the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, sent to YANKEE DOINGS by KENNETH A. RYDER (M) (Med. Det., 101st F.A.) of Lawrence, Mass., date of November 8, 1933, tells of an address on the history of Communism delivered before the Kiwanis Club in the Florida city by RALPH BUTLAND, a former 101st Field Artillery man and Lawrence boy.

Mr. BUTLAND, in a scholarly treatise, reviewed the history of this movement from the eighteenth century. As to his opinion of Communism, we quote: "It has filtered in and absorbed governments, it has submerged an empire in horror and it still challenges."

FOR WHAT?

Under windswept crosses in the vale
  Their hero souls are sleeping,
Beat by the wind, and rain, and hail,
  While a million eyes are weeping.

Their dusty feet once were lusty feet
  That tramped to the beat of a drum;
That proudly marched on a cobbled street
  To the tune of a requiem.

Those tattered clothes, and dust, and bones,
  Were a man who could feel and know;
Whose elegy was his dying moans,
  Whose torch was a shell tossed glow.

Never more for them the red of sunset,
  Never shall their eyes drink in the dawn,
Only the dank brown earth, rot and wet,—
  The beauty of the world is gone.

Do they ever say as they pray to God
  In a voice as sad as a sigh,
"We're buried here deep under the sod.
  We have not lived. For what did we die?"

—FRANK JUNE

CONGRATULATIONS

The engagement is announced of Miss Ellenor Cook to Mr. JOHN PHILIP LANE (M) (Hq. 26th Div.). Mr. Lane is a graduate of Harvard, '07, is associated with the firm of Stone & Webster, served as a lieutenant in the 26th Division, lives in Weston, Mass.

A daughter, Eva Eaton Brinkley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. HUGH BRINKLEY (M) (101st F. Sig. Bn.) on Wednesday, February 21.

A daughter was born on February 26, to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. CONNOLLY (M) (101st Engrs.). (Bill told DOINGS whether this was the seventh or the eighth child, but we'll have to beg his forgiveness—we never did have a head for figures.)

A son, Bruce Douglas Richardson, was born to Mr and Mrs. GEORGE F. RICHARDSON (M) (Batt. D, 103rd F.A.) of Lebanon, N.H., on March 20.

YD MAN APPOINTED SHERIFF

Congratulations to the new YD Sheriff, DONALD HUNT of Brunswick, Maine, whose recent appointment as Sheriff of Cumberland County has been confirmed. Don served with the 101st Engrs. and since the war has been operating one of the most successful dairy farms in the state. His farm is the model of neatness and is fully equipped with all the latest modern electrical appliances tending towards efficiency.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

"An Emblem of Distinction"

There are, on hand, just 65 YD medals. They compose the last lot which can be sold at $1.50. The next consignment ordered will have to be sold at $2.00 to members, $2.50 to non-members of the Association. This is due to an increase in factory production cost. So now's the time, if you haven't yet purchased yours.

"Your Victory Medal shows you served the Colors; your YD Medal shows HOW you served."

YD MEDAL

Name .....

Address .....

Organization .....

Please find $1.50 enclosed

($2.00 to non-members of Y.D.V.A. Copy of discharge must be submitted)

ANNUAL YD CONVENTION

RUTLAND, VERMONT

IN THE HEART OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

JUNE 22, 23, 24

PARADES, MUSIC, BANDS, DRUM CORPS, MILITARY BALL, MIDNIGHT VAUDEVILLE SHOW, OUTING, MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE, GUEST PRIVILEGES AT LEADING CLUBS

FRIENDS, FUN, FROLIC, FESTIVITY

NEW ENGLAND'S *BIG* CONVENTION
BETTER THIS YEAR THAN EVER

YOU GET TO RUTLAND
AND RUTLAND WILL DO THE REST

IN SUPPORT POSITION

YD AUXILIARY, SPRINGFIELD

Here is some belated news of the YD Auxiliary of Springfield.

It is needless to say that we have been extremely busy during the past months in an effort to raise money to assist us in our hospital work.

I am pleased to list below a few of our recent activities:

Mrs. Julian Martindale held a very successful bridge party at her home on November 24th. There were several tables of bridge.

Mrs. John Lowe, our president, ran a bridge party at Pecousic Villa on December 11th. This was one of the largest parties held by the Auxiliary for many months.

In the afternoon of January 3rd, Mrs. Albert Denis held a bridge party at her home on Alvin Street. Unfortunately, Mrs. Denis is not a member of our Auxiliary, but she has been a faithful friend and good worker, for she attends all our functions. She was also generous enough to offer her home for this particular party.

Mrs. John Lowe also entertained in her home on February 6th. This was in the form of a dessert bridge. All the favors and decorations were suggestive of valentines.

The proceeds of these various parties are to be used in our hospital work.

This report by no means would be complete without special mention of our Christmas Party, which was held on December 14th at the G. A. R. Hall. We entertained the members of the YD Club and their families. The committee was ably led by Mrs. Julian Martindale, assisted by Mrs. Roy Coombs, Mrs. Roswell Patch and Mrs. Henry Roux. Each one of the children was presented with a suitable gift by Santa Claus, who was portrayed by Mr. Roy Coombs. We consider this perhaps the most successful party ever held by the YD Auxiliary.

—(Mrs.) Marion A. Hogan
Secretary

At the regular meeting which was held on March 19th we held nomination and election of our officers. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Hugh MacKay, President
Mrs. Julian Martindale, First Vice President
Mrs. Roy Coombs, Second Vice President
Mrs. Roswell Patch, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Everett Colwell, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Henry Roux, Treasurer
Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Mrs. Albert Souther, Chaplain
Mrs. John Lowe, Auditor
Mrs. Carl Chapman, Auditor

Mrs. MacKay has been an exceptionally hard worker in the Auxiliary, and we are all more than pleased to have her for a leader for the coming year. She has had almost a perfect attendance during her two years as recording secretary of the Auxiliary.

We are planning a gala installation which is to be held in the Hotel Highland on April 16th, our next regular meeting night. A committee has been appointed to arrange for this which is headed by Mrs. Martindale and she will be assisted by Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Coombs and Mrs. Souther.

YD AUXILIARY, BOSTON

The Yankee Division Auxiliary held their Sewing Meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. Alicia Fleming, 116 Dorchester St., South Boston. There are calls from the Chelsea Naval Hospital for flannel orthopedic boots. We would like all of the members to please try and make a special effort to attend these meetings as we need your co-operation. Said meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month.

A "Penny Sale" was held in February at the home of the President. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and a large sum of money was realized.

Wednesday, March 14th, a "Bingo Party" was held after the meeting.

A Whist Party will be held at the YD Club after our meeting, Wednesday evening, April 11. Many valuable prizes have been donated so please try to come and bring your friends.

Dues are due April 1st. Please try and send same to Secretary Edna Snape, 312 Warren St., Roxbury. Thank you.

PRESUMPTIVE CASES RESTORED

Editor of Yankee Doings:

In a recent issue, I undertook to present the position of a member of one of last Fall's Special Boards of Review who were charged with the duty of establishing or denying service connection in the so-called "presumptive cases" of veteran disability compensation. In it, I tried to show that many of the decisions reached, unfavorable to the veteran, were arrived at only because the regulations under which the Boards operated allowed no other course of action, and that, had the sentiment of the Boards been the deciding factor, many more favorable decisions would have been made than were made.

On March 28, the U. S. Senate, following a similar action already taken by the House of Representatives, passed over President Roosevelt's veto, the Independent Offices Bill. One of the features of this bill is that it restores to the compensation rolls, at 75% of the amount they were formerly receiving, all claimants in the presumptive group whose service connection was severed by the Special Boards of Review, on the grounds that the preponderance of evidence did not indicate service connection.

As a former member and Chairman of one of the Boards, the undersigned wishes to announce his whole hearted approval of that particular section of the bill. It should not be felt that simply because the Review Boards were carrying out the provisions of the law as it stood at that time that they were in complete sympathy with the law. They were not, and many were the cases where, if the question had been, "Does this man deserve to continue receiving compensation?" instead of "Does this case establish service connection?" the answer would have been in the affirmative instead of, perforce, in the negative.

My approval of restoring to these men their compensation is in spite of the fact that there is not a vestige of a doubt in the mind of the undersigned that many of the disallowed cases were founded on disabilities which had no connection with service. That is not the important point. The important point is that when compensation was granted these men, THEY DID NOT HAVE TO PROVE, AND WERE NOT EVEN ASKED TO PROVE, that their disability was of service origin. All they had to show was that they actually HAD such a disability to a compensable degree before January 1, 1925. To ask these men, way along in 1933, to prove what they were never asked to prove before, seemed eminently unfair and unjust. That was the law, last Fall, and those were the regulations under which the Review Boards had to act. But in so acting, I, for one, felt that the requirement was unfair and unjust, and publicly rejoice that the injustice has been rectified.

Of course, from a personal viewpoint, there is some regret at the painstaking work and effort we all went through in our attempt to come as close to justice and mercy as the then law would allow. But what of it? The memory of certain ones of the poor fellas we had to disallow, permanent and total cases, and the thought that they have been restored, is enough to far outweigh any other consideration.

—Philip N. Sanborn (M)

DUES ARE DUE!

Isn't a heck of a lot more to be said. The headline about tells the story. If you are a "member-at-large" of the Y.D.V.A., just shoot the two bucks right along to Hq. If you are a member of one of the 14 official Chapters (exclusive of the YD Club of Boston), you have an option of either of two ways. Either pay through your Chapter Treasurer, or direct to Hq. In either case you will be carried as a member of your local Chapter. And by the way, if you live in a city or town where there IS a Chapter (you will find them listed on your due bill), and if you have been going along simply as a "member-at-large" of the National Association, won't you tie up with the local Chapter this year? You'll find twice the amount of interest in YD affairs if you do.

The Y.D.V.A. marches on, into another year: it needs your help and support (and your dues). So please don't put it off any longer than you feel you have to.

TAPS

Perley D. Smith, D.S.C., of Franklin, N.H., died by his own hand (gun shot) at the Franklin Hospital on March 21. Information as to former organization in the 26th Division missing.

Joseph Bernard, formerly of A Co., 103rd Infantry, of Waterville, Maine, died recently. Date and cause of death not contained in notice received by Yankee Doings. He was a member of the Y.D.V.A.

William H. Opper, formerly of F Co., 102nd Infantry, died in February, in Hamden, Connecticut. At the time of his death, Mr. Opper was a member of the YD Veterans Association.

Major Harry E. Mitton, former commanding officer of Battery D, 101st Field Artillery, died in Pontiac, Mich., on February 23. The deceased formerly made his home in Beverly, Mass., where he was employed by the United Shoe Machinery Co. He had a long and distinguished career in the Massachusetts National Guard, dating from his enlistment as a private in 1903. At the time of his death, Major Mitton was a member of the YD Veterans Association.

Carl F. Gebhardt, formerly of Headquarters Co., 102nd Infantry, died on January 16, 1934, at Manchester, Conn. The deceased had been for many years totally blind as a result of his war service.

Lieut. James J. Meheran, formerly of A Co., 102nd Infantry, died on January 30, at Hartford, Conn.

George P. Vennart, formerly of the 102nd Ambulance Co. and the 103rd Ambulance Co., died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport, Conn., on December 28, 1933. His home was in Meriden, Conn.

LIKED MEMORIAL NUMBER

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th received to-day with the February issue. Congratulations also on the latter, which is most interesting, particularly the chronological account of the development of the Belleau Memorial. What a lot of credit is due all those who have done the real work on this project!

I think we can all feel mighty well pleased that our money has gone into something of a truly useful, sympathetic nature, such as this, rather than into flamboyant war memorials of no use to anybody. I understand that the Americans' memorial on the top of Mont Sec was visited by exactly twelve Americans during the last year. Moreover, these expensive memorials are bound to cause irritation among the French when one bears in mind, as of course they do, the proportion of sacrifice made by the two nations.

—MELBERT B. CARY, JR. (M)
(103rd F.A.)

New York
March 9

COMING

YANKEE DOINGS seems to be swamped with good material for publication of late. Last month we promised you ROYAL K. HAYES' (M) article, "America and the Next War," and ANTHONY KALINOSKI's (M) letter of observations in Cuba. And here they are in this number.

But we've got to hold out some other things, equally interesting, for a later date. So watch for "Readin' to Beat Hell," a yarn of days in the Toul Sector by MIKE MOONEY (M), and another of the inimitable "NO-MAD-HICS" by "The Nomad."

Also, if we can ever find the space, we want to reprint an eulogy of the Maine "bean-hole Bean," clipped from the *Bangor Daily News* by FRED M. WREN (M) who, originally a Main-iac, is back in his native state, in the customs service at Madawaska, after many peregrinations abroad and in this country.

If we only had the money, we could put out SOME paper, with all the splendid co-operation of those who contribute so nobly.

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

REPORTS MISSING

No report of activities this month has been received from the following recognized Chapters: the YD Club of Waterville, Me. (CH); YD Club of Concord, N.H. (CH); YD Club of Nashua, N.H. (CH), and the YD Club of Lawrence, Mass. (CH). Waterville and Lawrence seem to have been out of the picture for a long time. What's going on in those sectors, boys?

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

See special report elsewhere in this issue.

YD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CH)

We had a very interesting meeting on February 7th, with motion pictures of the building and flight of the U. S. S. "Macon," shown by a representative of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., who lectured as the films were run off.

On Saturday evening, February 10th, a large group of YD men and their friends gathered at the home of our enthusiastic comrade, FRANK E. MEREDITH (M), to attend a card party given for the purpose of raising money for the purchase of a stand of colors which we have been long enough *without*. The price was low (25c), which covered the evening's entertainment of bridge, 500, pinochle or what-will-you-have, topped off with large portions of delicious cake and coffee served by our charming hostess, Grace Meredith. Everybody had a good time and the flag fund realized the tidy little sum of $11.00.

Words fail me as I try to describe the meeting on February 21st! Briefly, it was a great night for the Yankee Division, and an event which every man of the old outfit would have been proud to witness.

Starting with a concert by the Hollywood Post, Sons of the American Legion, Band, the evening was replete with thrills. The meeting was two-fold in purpose, namely, to unveil a picture of General EDWARDS and to see two of our comrades initiated into the Legion of Valor.

President Fox (M) had invited Burr McIntosh, the Cheerful Philosopher of radio fame, to be the speaker at the unveiling ceremony, and I doubt if a more appropriate choice could have been made than the boyhood chum and lifelong friend of the "Old Man," who spoke so feelingly of their associations as the flag was raised to reveal what we think is the best likeness of our General in existence. It is a two-by-three foot enlargement in natural colors with a 2" black oak frame, a beautiful piece of art, and something that will be admired by all who view it. Everyone joined in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" after the unveiling, and how they sang it!

Then the meeting was turned over to the Legion of Valor, who conducted their novel initiation in the form of a court trial, the defendants being Capt. Bob Norris (M) (B Co., 101st Eng.) and Lieut. Bill George (M) (102nd F.A.), both being charged with performing the deeds of heroism for which they were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. After a lot of rhetoric and humor they were found guilty and sentenced to membership in the organization, which is composed of only those who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross or the Navy Cross. With Col. "Machine Gun" Parker, who was initiated a year ago, the YD Club of Southern California now boasts of three members in this exclusive organization, an enviable record.

Proud witnesses to the honor paid their loved ones were the mother and wife of Captain Norris and the father of Lieut. George.

Following the initiation, President Fox (M), after eulogizing the recipients, presented each with a YD Service Medal and Certificate, they, in turn, expressing their thanks in short speeches. Then the entire membership of both organizations lined up for a picture and the meeting was turned back to President Fox.

A musical number was heard at this time and greatly enjoyed, after which a number of introductions of visiting celebrities were made. A pleasant surprise was the presentation of Col. Sherman N. Shumway (M) of the 103rd Infantry, who happened to be out here on a visit and, of course, sought out his YD comrades. Colonel Shumway extended the greetings of the New England comrades and expressed his great pleasure of having been able to attend such an important meeting, as well as greet the men of his outfit. It was truly a GREAT meeting!

—G. K. M. (M)

We had an invitation to the installation of the Capt. Arthur F. Locke Chapter No. 38, D.A.V.W.W., at Altadena, on March 2nd. This new organization is named after Captain Locke of M Co., 102nd Infantry, who was killed in action at Seicheprey. Mrs. Locke was the guest of honor. Our representatives enjoyed a very fine program.

Continuing the series of events to raise money for a stand of colors, a card party was held at the home of Walter Studley (M) on March 14th, and resulted in a substantial increase to the fund.

Last Sunday, March 25th, Mrs. Mabel Ripley was hostess to a group of YD men and their ladies, who gathered at her home to bid farewell for a few months to Ben Woodbury (M), who sails shortly with the Pacific Fleet to the East Coast. Ben is attached to the U. S. S. "Medusa" and is one of our most popular members. The dessert was ice-cream in the form of a ship, with the name "Medusa" on one side and the YD emblem on the other, and Ben was pleasantly surprised by this thoughtful favor.

Our first meeting this month was held with Vice President Pete Dresser (M) in the chair. The principal business of the evening was action on several fine recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee and the report of the Nominating Committee. Our annual election occurs on April 4th, and with nominations to be made from the floor a spirited contest is looked for.

Our meeting on March 21st was preceded by a bean supper, in response to several requests for one. These suppers have become quite famous, and as a medium for getting the boys together they are unexcelled.

After the meal we enjoyed talking pictures of a trip to Hershey, Pa., and also a very fine program of entertainment arranged by President Fox (M). Our good friend Burr McIntosh was with us again and recited a number of original poems. He is a great character and a delightful entertainer.

—G. K. M. (M)

YD CLUB OF CHICAGO (CH)

Two new members were added at the February 13th meeting of the YD Club of Chicago, making a total of 49. The new members were as follows:

Carl F. Gerstner (M) (A Co., 102nd Inf.)
A. J. Keyworth (M) (E Co., 104th Inf.)

Officers were nominated for the coming year. The nominations indicate the present officers will serve another year, as there were no other names proposed. They are as follows:

President, Walter D. Crowell (M) (M.G. Co., 101st Inf.)
Vice President, Thomas H. Sheppard (M) (A Co., 102nd M.G. Bn.)
Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence A. Bush (M) (C Bat., 101st F.A.)

Nineteen turned out for the meeting. R. Allen Usher (M) (A Bat., 103rd F.A.) was appointed chairman of a special membership committee with power to select other members. Mr. Sheppard (M) was appointed chairman of a welfare committee to look after YD men in hospitals.

In addition to those already mentioned, the meeting was attended by the following:

E. E. Adamson (M) (A Co., 102nd Inf.); William A. Brady (M) (Signal); Frank Colombo (M) (L Co., 102nd Inf.); Perry H. Crafton (M) (M.G. Co., 101st Inf.); T. E. Douglas (M) (C Bat., 101st F.A.); R. W. Fogg (M) (Supply Co., 103rd Inf.); F. L. Foley (M) (F Co., 102nd Inf.); Burton Harrington (M) (A Bat., 103rd F.A.); J. J. Lee (M) (A Co., 103rd Inf.); E. C. Pederson (M) (A Co., 104th Inf.); W. J. Ray (M) (Hq., 102nd Inf.); H. B. Reineke (M) (102nd Inf.); E. A. Strutz (M) (E Co., 104th Inf.)

Big days are ahead for the YD Club of Chicago.

The first round-up of the new Club year, Tuesday, April 10th, is designated to consolidate the present membership, and mop up a lot of new prospects. The second, May 8th, is to celebrate the birthday of the club, which will then be a year old. In June the boys will load their families into cars and ride way down to Monticello, Ill., for a barbecue picnic. Early in the Fall another reunion banquet will be held in an effort to duplicate or surpass the grand success of the Yankee Division Reunion Banquet held during the American Legion convention.

These plans were laid at the meeting of March 13th, one of the most successful of the Club's affairs, when the present officers were re-elected for another year, and at a meeting of the new membership committee, headed by R. A. Usher (M) (A Battery, 103rd F.A.).

April's event was marked to install the officers: W. D. Crowell (M), President; T. H. Sheppard (M), Vice President; and C. A. Bush (M), Secretary-Treasurer. This affair was also designated the first objective of Usher's membership committee, which promises to be an active and aggressive one.

Free food, drink and entertainment are to be offered all YD men in the Chicago area, members or not. It's a get-acquainted gathering, and John J. Lee (A Co., 103rd Inf.) is to be host in the basement of his bungalow. Mrs. Lee and the family are to be sent into exile for the evening. All YD men living here or happening in town are welcome, which is putting it mildly.

T. B. Driscoll (I Co., 103rd Inf.), who will be initiated into the Club at that time, will prepare corned-beef hash and other food in real old army style. Comrade Driscoll, head of the commissary at Hines Hospital, who has spent all these years learning how to glorify goldfish and other A.E.F. delicacies with peace time frills, will bring his talent, not his supplies, to the task. He will be assisted by E. C. W. Pederson (A Co., 104th Inf.), a chef by trade.

Owing to the prospect of many temporary widows that night, Mrs. T. H. Sheppard is rounding up the ladies for a party in another part of town.

Twenty-seven members and ladies turned out, at the meeting of March 13th, for dinner at the Illinois Athletic Club, and fifteen more joined the crowd later at the private studio of the Paramount Pictures Company. At this affair Comrade Usher (M) gave a preview of Al Jolson's new picture, "Wonder Bar," and several short subjects. F. L. Foley (M) (102nd Inf.) moved the unanimous re-election of the officers—J. J. Lyons (M) (A Co., 102nd Inf.) seconded it, and it was a vote.

Prospective member Herman Glawe (C Co., 102nd Inf.) was a guest of C. E. Herrold (C Co., 102nd Inf.). Harry N. Pritzker (M) (104th Inf.), one of the charter members, showed up for the first time since the banquet. E. T. Gurry (M) (A Battery, 103rd F.A.) and his wife attended their first meeting, and were delighted.

Chairman Usher (M) rounded up his membership committee, composed of R. W. Fogg (Supply Co., 103rd F.A.), E. D. O'Connell (L Co., 102nd Inf.), W. J. Ray (Hq. Co., 102nd Inf.), W. A. Brady (M) (101st Field Signal) and Comrades Lee and Foley (M).

Others present with wives or sisters were E. E. Adamson, T. E. Douglas, Abe Sherman, Comrade Pederson, Burton Harrington, E. A. Strutz, P. H. Crafton and the officers.

The Secretary announced the receipt of a copy of "Mademoiselle of Armentieres," a prize for the Clubs exceeding their quota in the membership drive of the Y.D.V.A. of 1933-34. This promises to be one of the chief sources of entertainment at the April 10th affair. Will we sing those verses, or will we sing those verses?

It was also announced that the Club, from a list of 180 prospects, had signed 49 paid-up members during its first eleven months.

Another announcement was that Brad Moore (A Battery, 103rd F.A.), residing at Monticello, Ill., had been notified of the massed attack to be staged on his barbecue in June. And will that be an affair!

—C. A. B. (M)

YD CLUB OF LYNN (CH)

Our 1st Overseas Revue, held on February 8th and 9th, went over with a bang! A good show, a financial success—and, boy, you should have seen this bunch of old-timers do their stuff! Our good friend and member Larry Connery (M) coached the show, and did a wonderful job. The chorus in three-part harmony would have made Fred Waring sit up and take notice. The show was in two parts, the first part starting off in a Y.M.C.A. hut with the boys in O.D. uniforms, sitting around listening to a talk by the "Y" Secretary, when one of the boys pops in and tells the gang that he has just come from Base Hospital 196 and the boys there need some entertainment to cheer them up, so he gets up a Minstrel Show to put on at the Hospital. Harold "Doc" Crowell (M) is picked by the boys to be the interlocutor, with the gang to act as the chorus. Then Doc wants to know what they will do for end-men, when he suddenly sees six boogy prisoners sweeping up the aisles, and asks the guard if he can use them for end-men. The guard readily agrees and the show is on. The six boogies do a great job with their songs and jokes. Al Michaud (M) sings "Uncle Joe"—Ray "Mussolini" Doucette (M) "Alabamy Bound"—Leon Varnam (M) "Amen Corner"— Tom Curran (M) "They Go Wild Over Me"—Bill Pope "Dark Town Strutters Ball" and Abe Katz "I Never See Maggie Alone." They

did a great job, and outstanding in the show was one of the good old engineers EDWARD SAULNIER (M), who did a great job singing "Madelon," dressed as a French soldier.

The minstrel part was good, but the real treat was the second act, which opened as a dugout scene at the Front, with a wonderful stage setting and complete lighting effects. Machine gun and artillery firing was reproduced on drums by PAUL CURTIS (M), and there were real bunks, etc., to make the scene perfect. PHIL CASHMAN and NAT GRADY took the leading parts, and the scene went over big, with PHIL CASHMAN taking the part of "Bill" (his dramatic acting was superb), and ended with his kid brother dying on stage after being brought in seriously wounded. The act comes to a climax with the gang singing "Going Home" and "My Buddy" in three-part harmony.

The show was an all-male, all-YD affair.

I suppose you read in the Boston papers of March 8th that Governor Ely has signed the bill making it a certainty that the new Pines River Bridge will be named the "Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Memorial Bridge."

My only regret is that I can't go out and dig up five times as many new members but maybe I'll be able to get a lot more than we have up to date, as I am back of the Y.D.V.A. 100%. I hope to be able to get up a few good ideas to raise revenue for the coming year and drive home to some of the buds just how lucky they should feel to be able to become a Y.D.V.A. member. I know plenty of outsiders who would give their right arms if they could become members, and I cannot understand why any YD man hesitates or has to be coaxed to join, and as far as the fellow is concerned that just says no and refuses, why I don't see how he ever admits being a YD man. We have just got to get together and try and scheme some way to put this Y.D.V.A. proposition over the top 100%. What's the matter with cities like Salem, Lowell, Worcester, and a lot of others on this Y.D.V.A. proposition? Where is their YD spirit? Let's carry on for our beloved Commander who has left us. Let's not retreat.

—RAYMOND DOUCETTE (M)

FRED HARRINGTON (M), newly elected President of the Club, will endeavor to fill the shoes of EDDIE DEE (M) who has done a sweetheart of a job during the past year; RAY DOUCETTE (M) remains as Treasurer; and ROBERT TRIMBLE has been elected Secretary.

YD CLUB OF MANCHESTER (CH)

Following is a list of the new officers, elected at the Annual Meeting, Friday, March 23, 1934, for the coming year, 1934-1935.

President: SAMUEL A. MOFFITT (M)
Vice President: WALTER J. BOARDMAN (M)
Secretary: HAROLD E. MCEWEN (M)
Treasurer: EUGENE DUGAS (M)
Executive Committee: DAVID BRINN (M), WALTER J. DUDA (M), JOHN W. DUNLAP (M), THOMAS F. FITZGERALD (M), MARTIN P. HOLLERAN (M), WILLIAM J. SAYERS (M), GEORGE A. WINGATE (M).

The following men signed up and paid their local and National dues: SAMUEL A. MOFFITT (M), HAROLD E. MCEWEN (M), EUGENE DUGAS (M), HAROLD BROSER (M), ALBERT E. MESSIER (M), and WILLIAM J. SAYERS (M).

Mr. SAYERS (M) submitted his report on the activities of the club and its rapid growth during the past year. There are now 81 members enrolled and the club aims to increase its membership to 200 within the next year. To Mr. SAYERS, for his excellent work as head of the club for the past year, and to the other retiring officers, the members extended a rising vote of thanks.

The treasurer's report showed that the club was in good financial standing.

The installation ceremonies were performed after the election. The retiring officers, headed by Mr. SAYERS, conducted the installation.

In taking over his new duties Mr. MOFFITT thanked the members for the honor accorded him in being elected to the presidency and stated that he knew he and the other officers would receive their full co-operation in working for the expansion and increased activity of the Manchester YD Club (CH).

YD CLUB OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

I know you would like to learn that the "Get-together" Dinner of the YD men of the New York Sector was a success. The weather that evening, as will be remembered, would make an "Eskimo" wish he were back in Alaska. However, despite that fact, we had forty (40) of the warriors present.

In the absence of Major "BILL" CORUM (M), (who was unavoidably detained), whom we had selected for toastmaster, JOE MCGLONE (M), (101st Inf.) did the honors, and a right good job did he make of it. Representatives of almost every outfit of the old division were present. Some had traveled from remote points of upstate New York, New Jersey and Long Island.

Those present were enthusiastically unanimous in expressing the wish for an early realization of a New York chapter. A committee, consisting of JACK CONNOLLY (M), (Division Hdqrs. and 101st F.A.), "ERNIE" KLUGE (M), (101st Engineers), FRED BROWN, (102nd Inf.), J. J. MIGNEAULT, (M.G. Co., 102nd Inf.), JOE "BUCK" O'BRIEN (M), (103rd M.G. Bn.), JOE MCGLONE (M), (101st Inf.) and yours truly were designated to arrange for our next affair and to secure a charter for the New York chapter. The affair was enlivened by oratorical efforts from "LOU" CONNOLLY,

(101st F.A.), "JOHNNIE" ADAMS, New Rochelle fireman, late of 103rd Inf., and FRANK MALEY, who owns up to having served with the 102nd Inf. "BUCK" O'BRIEN (M), (103rd M.G.) (the only "Buck" present), handled the entertainment and soft drinks very capably. The popular JACK CONNOLLY (M) gave a very interesting talk on the value of organization. Dr. SURLS (M), (Med. Det. 102nd Inf.), MILTON MAXIM (LM), (101st Inf.), Dr. TOM MACROSSIE (M), (101st Amb. Co.), HARRY HUTTY, (101st F.S. Bn.) also spoke regarding the need for a chapter in New York. Lieut. Koob (I Co., 101st Inf.), now of the 71st Inf., N.G.N.Y., dropped in and extended greetings. Telegrams from President BILL BLAKE (M), LEW COURTER, (101st F.S. Bn.), (now of Johnstown, Pa.), "DANNY" BRANDON, (101st F.S. Bn.) (now of Brewster, N.Y.), JOHN B. CUMMINGS (M), (Division Hdqrs. Troop), and a very interesting letter from Father THOMAS TEMPLE (M), (Chaplain Train Hdqrs., and M.P.'S) (now of St. John's Rectory, Kingsbridge, N.Y.), were read. CARL THOMPSON, (104th Inf.), wintering in Miami, Florida, also extended greetings. The customary one minute's silence with all standing at attention in commemoration of our "Absent Buddies" was observed by all present. The news of BILL BLAKE'S illness was the occasion for many expressions of regret and sincere wishes for his early recovery.

We are all looking forward to our next affair which is to be held early in March, a "Bang-Up" entertainment, with good eats and "what have you" assured.

We welcome all YD men in this sector to join with us in making the newest addition to the family of YD chapters one that we can all be proud of.

Details concerning our next party can be secured by all interested by writing JOE MCGLONE (M), Harvard Club, New York, or "Your New York correspondent."

—BART W. KILEY (M)
112-08 Colfax St.
Hollis, L. I., N. Y.

Since the meeting described above, negotiations and preliminary steps have been in progress between the "charter committee" and National Headquarters, Y.D.V.A. working toward the establishing of the Metropolitan New York Chapter as an official Chapter of the Association.

YD CLUB OF KEENE, N.H. (CH)

The YD Club of Keene (CH) elects officers for a period of six months. At the March 15 meeting, the following were elected for the ensuing six months: President, CHARLES F. LEAHY (M); Vice President, NILS O. OLSSON (M); Secretary, JAMES A. WINN (M); Treasurer, JOHN L. SAUNDERS (M). The Executive Committee consists of RUDOLPH BERGERON (M), HARRY A. WORCESTER (M), and JOSEPH A. DUBOIS (M). The Club has been holding well-attended meetings.

A letter from President LEAHY (M) wishes the Y.D.V.A. to take up the matter of the proper recognition of the part played in the Xivray-Marvoisin engagement of June 16, 1918, by the Second Battalion (Cos. E, F, G and H) of the 103rd Infantry. He states that these companies have never been given proper credit and that it is a sore spot in that section with the YD men. He asks that full information be secured from the War Department and progress made for such recognition, stating that such action will go a long way in making the YD Club of Keene (CH) one of the best Chapters in New England.

It is true, as Mr. LEAHY (M) states, that both Emerson G. Taylor's "New England in France" and RAY CABOT'S (M) "History of the 103rd Infantry" give the major credit for the Xivray repulse to the 3rd Battalion, 103rd Infantry. Hours of painstaking research through all the available documents have failed to reveal just what the Second Battalion did. DOINGS would like to have the story, and promises to give all the recognition possible.

YD CLUB OF NORWALK (CH)

Notice that "(CH)" proudly standing up there in the headline! Yes, sir, Connecticut has crashed into the family circle, and the YD Club of Norwalk (CH) is the first official child of the Y.D.V.A. in the Nutmeg State. (C'mon, New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport.)

The Charter was granted by unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee, at its meeting on March 6.

The Club staged its Annual Minstrel Show at Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Noroton Heights. (DOINGS regrets that the newspaper clippings sent in telling of this affair bear no date line.)

The performance ran one half hour over schedule, due to the demand for encores.

Former Chief of Police William R. Pennington was guest of honor of the local delegation of ex-service men attending the performance.

Those participating in the show were: RALPH DIBBLE, Dr. WILLIAM J. MOORE, HY SMITH, ROBERT LA PINE, ALBERT KRAEMER, ROBERT RICHTER, DUNCAN WHITE, LOUIS ASKEW, GENE SMITH, THOMAS FAHAN, JACK WILSON.

The YD Club was fortunate in securing Mr. LA PINE of Bethel to replace ARTHUR JOHNSON, former basso of the YD Quartette, who recently moved out of the city. Mr. LA PINE made a "hit" in his first and opening number of the show.

The program was as follows:

"Bells in the Lighthouse," solo by LOUIS ASKEW.

"Good Night Little Girl," solo by ALBERT KRAEMER.

"Home Ain't Nothing Like This," solo by Dr. Moore.

Selections by the YD Quartette:

"In Old Wyoming," solo by Jack Wilson.

"Brutus," solo by Ralph Dibble.

Ensemble closing number "Show Me the Way to go Home."

Music was furnished by the Noroton Variety Band. Piano accompaniment for solos was played by Lyman Gilbert of Norwalk.

Comedy skits by Ralph Dibble and Dr. Moore were features of the show.

After the performance a buffet luncheon was served in the Noroton Home dining room. Short talks were given by officers of the Home.

Albert Herman of Norwalk acted as chairman of the dinner meeting. Samuel C. Polley of Norwalk thanked everyone for their efforts in making the show a success and read a letter from National Headquarters of the YD notifying the Norwalk Club that the request for a charter had been granted.

At our regular meeting, March 23, the following officers were elected:

Commander: Albert W. Herman (M)
S. Vice Comm.: John Kavance (M)
J. Vice Comm.: Hermas Poirier (M)
Quartermaster: Harold Anderson (M)
Adjutant: Henry Woods (M)
Rec. Adjutant: John Martinson (M)
Officer of the Day: Arthur Booth (M)
Trustee: Barney Clarke (LM)
Trustee: John Phelan (M)
Historian: William C. Adams (M)
Chaplain: Samuel C. Polley (M)

The newly elected officers will be installed at the annual Seicheprey banquet to be held in the Fountain Inn, April 28.

Entertainment was furnished by the YD Four, composed of Al Kraemer, William Askew (M), Dr. William Moore and Ralph Dibble (M). Henry Woods (M) presented the club with a homemade pillow decorated in YD colors.

It was voted to send a delegation to the annual Seicheprey banquet to be held by the New Haven YD Club in the Goffe street armory April 21. State Motor Vehicle Commissioner Michael Connor will be guest of honor at this banquet.

Among the guests attending the annual meeting here last night were, from the New Haven YD—Frank Rivers, commander; William Friend, past commander; M. J. McDermott, senior vice commander; Charles J. Miller, Vincent Bruneau and Edward S. McGlaughlin. New Milford—Albert C. Truatman and Doctor William White. Danbury—William Adams (M). Stamford—Stephen Torck.

A short talk on veterans' problems was given by Fred Miller (M) of Norwalk, past commander of the local YD Club. A buffet lunch was served by Henry Woods (M) following the meeting.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER (CH)

On the night of February 15th, Colonel Harold R. Barker (M), commanding the present 103rd Regt. F.A., put on a review in the Armory of Mounted Commands that did fair justice to the old 103rd; in fact, they were so good that the Colonel felt perfectly safe in having his command pass in review before such professional critics as Harold Downey (M), Raymond Burton (M), Jerry Walker (M), Walker Mason (M), William Andrews (M), Howard Salter (M), Harold Tucker (M), Heck (Leon) Flemming (M), Randolph Darling (M), Newton Jackson (M), Clyde Freeman (M), Fred McKenna (M), and Major Dwight Colley (M), the last-named taking the review.

The review was flawless, it was perfect; but the familiar aroma of horse flesh and all that goes with horses was decidely missed by the old-timers. This new 103rd F.A. is now wholly motorized, the first National Guard Field Artillery Regiment in the United States to become motorized.

Some familiar faces marched past the reviewing group, and it seemed good to see, in addition to Colonel Barker (M), Capt. Chester Files (M), Capt. William McCormick (M), Capt. Roy McDonald (M), and Lieuts. William Watson (M), Al Morriss and Frank Butler.

Even MP's were on duty in front of 47 and 19.

Immediately following the review an exhibition of Push Ball was staged, with the 1st Battalion winning over the 2nd; but the 2nd Battalion had the decided edge over the 1st in a real Tug-of-War.

The prize show of the evening went to the Machine Gun demonstration. At the outstart of this exhibition the Armory was plunged into pitch darkness, and from all side openings out of the rink, machine guns spit a swell bunch of fire, and to climax the performance six motorcycles started at full speed from the far end of the rink and drove directly toward the audience with all guns going full blast.

The Executive Committee of the R. I. Chapter at a meeting at the Dreyfus, just prior to the Review, decided that Seicheprey Day is going to be the BIG day of the year, and every effort is being bent to acquaint each and every member of the YD that here in Providence on that night is going to be held the biggest and best Seicheprey Day ever. There are some who remember last year's party, as well as that of the year before, but now with prohibition a thing of the past and a normal drinking life left to us, we can only say to keep your eyes on this column for further and more detailed news.

—C. W. F. (M)

PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS

Our very good friend Warren King (HM) is as popular with other ex-service outfits as he is

with us. 250 members of Caldwell Post, A.L., gave him a stag party February 1st, and believe you us, it was a party. We wish all the YD men in Portland thought as much of the YD Club as Mr. KING.

The ability of SOL CRASNICK (M) to dive into shell holes stood him in good stead the other morning when he had to dive through the window to escape the flames that almost destroyed the building in which he had his apartment. Doing that at 3 A.M., at 10 below, is not a pleasant experience. He lost all his furnishings.

We are glad to announce that our new Sheriff of Cumberland County is a YD man, DONALD F. HUNT of Brunswick, a member of the 101st Eng. He doesn't know it yet but he is going to be a member of the Portland Chapter if we can get next to him long enough to give him an application.

We wish that Col. HUME (M) would decide to run for Governor so that the YD men down this way could vote for him. We never could accuse the Col. of playing favorites, but he sure is when he decided to run for Senator. As it is now, the only ones that can vote for him are those that live in his sector. We don't like it!

Some men get a Governor's job without votes. MAC STODDARD (M) is the new Governor of the Soldiers' Home at Togus. He was the honor guest at numerous functions prior to his departure.

VICTOR ERICKSON (M) is feeling rather cocky these days. His brother is driving the "Paddy Wagon" for the Portland Police Dept.

Those who did not come to the Special Meeting held at our club room Feb. 3rd missed the best time that we have had for a month of Sundays, the event being a farewell party for our Pres. MAC STODDARD (M) and CHAS. SULLIVAN, the dollar collector. The party was called to order by Buddy STODDARD (M), who then called for the usual minute silence and then turned the meeting over to LARRY JENKINS (M) who acted as Master of Ceremonies, and a good job he can do. For entertainment we had Sgt. Wm. Bell, of the 25 Batt. of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, who gave us an hour of jokes and the most mystifying card tricks and other feats of legerdemain, (10 cent word that,) that we ever saw. Sgt. Bell went through the entire war, was wounded and is the holder of several decorations. JENKINS (M), on behalf of the Club presented both STODDARD (M) and SULLIVAN (M) with the YD Service Medal, which was a great surprise to them. We were very glad to see so many of the older members there, and hope that they will keep on coming. It was without any doubt the largest crowd that we have had at any of our meetings, about 55 being present. There was so much more happened that we cannot even do justice to what went on, we will say that everybody did a 100 per cent job, and every body had a good time.

We did miss REX ROBINSON (M) who was home very sick with a bad cold, we hope that by the time you read this he will be out.

We owe the Chamber of Commerce a vote of thanks for permitting us to hang the large picture of General Edwards in our club room. Without any braggadocio (that is a 15c word) we have as good a club room as any body and if you don't think so, come and have a look, have two looks if you want 'em.

A certain YD man said he could not come to the above meeting as he had to work. We saw him with the Mrs. going into the Strand. Upon second thought we are not so sure but what that WAS work at that.

We are laboring under a double burden, if we write this garbage, the Editor can't read it, and this damned Underwood won't spell right at any time.

LOVEJOY (M) has a clock that will go eight days without winding, and if I don't wind mine it won't go at all. 'snot rite.

We are seeing a lot of YD pictures, but we can't for the life of us understand how YD men ever got into Ypres, that was British territory. We saw another one of the YD men going over the top, and every man jack was wearing British equipment.

We hear that WM. B. TARRANT, one time 103rd F.A., is living in Ohio. We were told that the town was Minion, but we don't find that in our P.O. Guide.

Those who met RAY ORFF and Mrs. Orff at the Portland A.L. Convention will be glad to hear that she is out of the hospital. Ray who was a member of F Co. 103rd Inf. is a Past Commander of the Joseph Chaission Post A.L. of Milo.

After reading of a former YD man that was found in Shanty Town, Dorchester, the other day, we thought that the following words would apply to him as well as to the one of whom they were written.

"Tha cwaeth se Haeland, Foxas habbath holu, and heofones fuglas nest, sothlice mannes Sunu naefth hwar he hys heafod ahylde."

The United States Rubber Company will donate one of their best cigars to the one sending in the best translation.

—OMEGA

Pee Hess.

Greetings to J. C. COTE of the YD Service Station, Twin Mountain, N. H., we found the cover of one of your book matches the other day. Advertising pays. What outfit, Buddy?

—"MINNIE LA TOUR"

YD CLUB OF PORTLAND (CH)

Do you want some speakers? The Portland Club can furnish you some good ones. At the last meeting of the Cumberland Chapter, D.A.V. the speakers' bureau of our club was well represented. His Excellency, The Governor of Togus, (and also our President) MALCOLM STODDARD (M) spoke on new regulations affecting the veteran, DOC. LYNCH spoke on co-operation among veterans' organizations, which to our mind is almost a minus quantity, and

Sol Crasnick (M), who is without any doubt the best Service Officer the American Legion ever had, was the next speaker.

We hear that Lt. Frank Johnson (I Co., 104th Inf.) has joined up with the Harold T. Andrews Post, A.L., and that Jens C. Bore has joined up with the D.A.V. and those letters don't mean Daughters of American Volunteers.

Our sympathy goes out to the members of the 26th (N.G.) who may have to go to Camp Devens this year. We were there in '28 and '30 and we have our opinions of the place. But then we Old Timers were used to roughing it.

We got an awful shock the other day. We saw one of the students of Portland High School driving a truck the other day, nothing strange about that, but the license plate on the truck had the letters YD. Thinking that there might be some connection between that and a YD man, we inquired, and to our great surprise we were told that the driver had never heard of the 26th Div.

Daniel J. Smart, one time member of L Co., 103rd Inf., announces that he will seek the Republican nomination to the House of Representatives from Millinocket and East Millinocket. He is now a Lieutenant of I Co., 103rd Inf.

We report the injury of Albert Maguire (F Co., 103rd Inf.) at Greenville. He is now at his home in Milo; send him a card.

Say, Ed, I was referring to Minnie La Tour as the person not the place, both rotten. Do you remember when Elsie Janis was at Menil La Tour? she spoke of "poor Minnie La Tour." So when I was drafted for this job, I adopted that spelling as a nom de plume. As for expecting any thing from a Frenchman, all we ever got was the chance to scrap in the cussed country, and pay off a supposed debt to Lafayette, whom the French would have beheaded if they could have caught him. We might have owed him a debt, but we did not and never did owe a debt to France. She would never have sent troops over here if it had not been for the fact that she was also at war with England.

We notice that all our copy did not get in, we had no idea that we had so much, we will be more careful in the future.

We still blame the poor spelling on this "mill." Lovejoy cleaned it for us and all you have to do now is hit a key and wait until the machine stops, and if you have good luck, all you have to do is sign your name. Some "mill."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The Portland Evening News says that Col. Hume (M) commanded a Maine Regiment overseas. Did you know that?

All YD men will sympathize with Irving Cohen (G Co., 103rd Inf.), who lost his mother a short time ago.

Send a card to Col. Frank Drake (M) who is sick at the Maine General Hospital at this writing.

As we overdid ourselves last month in sending an excess of garbage we will cut this load short.

—"Minnie La Tour" (M)

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

At our regular meeting on March 5, 1934, the following officers were elected and will be installed April 9, 1934.

President, Benj. Johnson (M)
1st Vice President, Roswell Patch (M)
2nd Vice President, Roy Coons (M)
3rd Vice President, Robert Beech
Secretary, Leo Jacques (M)
Sergt. at Arms, Wm. Greer (M)
Treasurer, Robert Spengler (M)
Judge Adv., Athony Sanella (M)
Historian, Frank Larrow (M)
Hon. Chaplain, Rev. Geo. S. L. Conner (M)
Chaplain, Thomas Grogan
Director, 3 years, Ed. Better (M) Hugh McKay
Directors, 1 year, David Hogan (M) Dennis Brunton

Every member is proud of this slate of officers and is expecting real things from them.

Starting March 15th we are holding a bridge tournament to be run for four consecutive weeks with appropriate prizes to be awarded the winners at the close of the play.

A motorcade to Leeds Veterans Hospital will take form on Sunday, March 25th. A good program has been put together and we feel sure this trip will be a huge success.

From time to time some real humorous event crops out. About a year ago a certain member of the Club was forcibly removed from his car by his *wife* and made to walk home, but this we believe is the crowning event of all chapters in the United States.

Some weeks ago at the conclusion of a committee meeting one of the committee started for home about 12 P.M. Having arrived home he put up his car, then proceeded to undress and go to bed. After being comfortably settled for the night he discovered friend wife was missing and then it dawned upon him that he had left her visiting friends on the other side of the city.

Of course he made all possible haste to get to her side, and about 4 A.M. the household was again intact, and by 4.30 A.M. our little playmate was fast asleep. We heard on the side though that he was told in no uncertain terms never to let it happen again.

—Leo P. T. Jacques (M)

YD CLUB OF WASHINGTON (CH)

The YD Club of Washington met on February 7, 1934, at the Gatewood House, 2107 S Street, N. W.

Before the meeting, a very enjoyable dinner was

served at a reasonable cost with plenty of refreshment.

Those present were our famous president: AL BARTRAM (M); our speaker for the opposition on any movement, Mr. QUEENIN (M); "MONEY BAGS" GOLDEN (M); our regular and reliable General GEORGE SIMONDS (M); NICHOLSON (M), of National Rifle Association fame; DAVE HERMAN (M); LEVI ST. PETER (M); DODIC (M); Lawyer CARSON (M); Printer JOE WILNER (M); PAUL HUTCHINS (M); JOE JORDAN (M); Capt. LUTHER ELLIS (M); a new face by the name of Wade of 101st Field Artillery; CARL STANDISH and, last but not least of the membership, JIMMY MORAN (M), who, to prove the seriousness of the present session on Capitol Hill, was sober. Honorary members and guests included Ed Baker, Lieut. Gailey and Almon Rockwell.

The meeting was called to order at 9 P.M. by President BARTRAM in his most august style. The President made a speech on the membership drive of the Y.D.V.A. It was moved by Carson and duly voted that the membership drive be left to the newly elected officers.

President BARTRAM (M) called attention to the personal history blanks and urged that they be filled out and sent in. The next business was the election of officers. DAVE HERMAN (M) was slated to become "Money Bags" but must have concluded that the remarkable record of our perennial treasurer was such that he did not believe he could fill his shoes and hence declined election. DAVE DODIC (M) was nominated by CARSON (M), and CARSON then moved that the secretary cast one vote for the amended slate. This motion was duly seconded and carried, and the secretary cast the vote.

Officers for the ensuing year are NATE GOLDEN (M), President; JOHN CASWELL, JR. (M), First Vice President; CARL STANDISH, 2nd V. P.; PAUL HUTCHINS (M), 3rd V. P.; LEVI ST. PETER (M), Secretary; DAVE DODIC (M), Treasurer; JOE WILNER (M), MAURICE WHITE (M) and AL BARTRAM (M), Directors.

President-elect GOLDEN (M), in consultation with the membership, has decided that the installation of officers and annual mixed and Congressional dinner be held at the Army-Navy Country Club on April 12, with that Toastmaster-Laureate BILLY CONNERY (M) officiating.

Prior to that meeting, the club will meet again the last week in March to make plans for the fun at the big dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. in order to allow the members to consider the project of further refreshment.

Your humble servant, the Secretary, is indebted to Mr. RAYMOND J. QUEENIN (M) who acted as secretary at the meeting recorded herewith.

—JOHN CASWELL, JR. (M)
Secretary

Each Member is responsible for this Department. YOU send in the news; we'll print it.

51ST F.A. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

The next Reunion of 51st Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters Detachment will be held in the YD Club of Boston, at 12:00 Noon, Sunday, May 20, 1934.

This will be a very important meeting and we desire all who can possibly do so to be present. Further details will be announced later.

CHARLES V. CLARK, Adjt.
7 Riverview Ave.
Danvers, Mass.

—PAUL C. BALCH (M), Comm.
150 Causeway St.
Boston, Mass.

103RD INFANTRY

RAY WESCOTT (M.G. Co.) of Franklin, N. H., recently resigned his office of Alderman from Ward 1.

We all wish Don the best of success in his new role of Making Cumberland County safe for Democrats and Republicans.

BOB BATCHELDER (cook, G Co.) is now located in Sidney, Maine, where he operates a farm.

ALMON MESERVEY (Sgt., F Co.) is living at Belgrade Lakes. Won't be long now before the ice goes out.

Met IRVING COHEN in Portland and he was "some busy." It was the day after the big storm and as he operates some 18 taxis in Bangor and Portland he had plenty to keep him occupied.

"JACKIE" COOGAN (M Co.), who happened to be one of the lucky ones the time M Co. Kitchen was

blown up, is driving a taxi in Portland.

HAROLD WAKELEY (Sgt., G Co.), Bangor, has the Pontiac Agency in that section.

A few nights ago we had a baby 103rd Hdq. Co. gathering at Lisbon Falls, "Chez-Nous" E. K. HALE (M). The gathering consisted of FRANK "SKIN" HAZELTINE and JOHN BARNES, both of the Band, and their "femmes," "Jerry and E. K."

As usual the war was fought over again. And tales of bravery (?) and daring (?) related. It was decided to have a 103rd dinner in Lewiston some night in the near future, just a little informal time, maybe we will have 5, maybe 10, or 20, but we will have a good time any way. Supper will not be over 50c if it is that much. There are lots of important things to be discussed in regard to our old home, Liffol-le-Grand, such as the coming election of Supt. de la Rue, Town Crier, Appointment of "Porter de la Journal," etc.

Any of the boys interested in this gathering please drop a card to E. K. HALE (M), Lisbon Falls, for date and place. We also want to discuss the feasibility of extending the water works to Villoexelle (the home of the 2nd Bn.).

—E. K. H. (M)

FRANK MALLETT, a Corporal in I Co., 5th Inf., at Fort Williams, a former A Co. veteran, was up to see me one Sunday this fall with his wife, a Westbrook girl. He was married last Sept. Frank came from Oldtown, Maine, and was the only full-blooded Indian in our outfit.

PAUL V. DYER, former Sgt. in A Co., motored down this way this fall from Dexter and arrived here at ten in the evening and pulled me out of bed. We had a real talkfest for the greater part of the night. "Benny" was the "black-jack" and "red-dog" king in the company and also lapped up his share of cognac while in France.

ALBERT "CHICK" CLUKEY dropped in to see me one morning, two weeks ago; he was down here with a truck load of pressed hay. He, with Dyer, lives in Dexter.

Corporal ROTH from Massachusetts is now Captain in the 301st Inf., and is in charge of the 127th Co., C.C.C., which is stationed in Pittsfield, Mass.

RAYMOND ACHORN has moved from Portland, Maine, to 9 Summit St., Whitinsville, Mass.

FRANK CURTIS is Postmaster in Frankfort, Maine.

JERRY TAYLOR is a C.W.A. foreman in Amsbridge, Penn.

SIMON W. TOUCHETTE, our old bugler, is now a cop in Medford, Mass., and a member of the Medford Cops' pistol team in the Boston Police League.

I staged a YD party in my home on Sat., Feb. 10th, to celebrate our 16th Anniversary of entering the Chemin des Dames. Those present were RAY NORTON and SUMNER METCALF of E Co., 101st Eng., and FRANK KNIGHT of F Co., 101st Eng. We made a night of it, the party not breaking up until 2:30 Sun. Morn.

HARRY GOODWIN (Supply Co.), who lives in Porter, Me., is employed at the Sokokis lumber mill in Kezar.

—FRANK E. JOCK (M)

103RD FIELD ARTILLERY

A BATTERY

ED KNIGHTS is back in Providence again to take over the work of the late Dr. Gorham as Deputy Inspector of Milk for the City. For the past few years Ed has been serving as Director of the Health Dept. Laboratory for the City of Toledo, and previous to that he established a Dept. of Public Health in the Republic of Nicaragua.

The famous JOHN J. DONOVAN (M), after spending a few years in California at the Natl. Military Home near Los Angeles, felt the call of the East last Fall. He is at present wintering at Lake City, Florida Veterans' Hospital. We hope to see him back in Providence for the annual outing of A Battery, the last Sunday in June.

FRED DANIELS has his offices at 79 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, serving as Federal Relief Administrator for the State of New York.

B BATTERY

BOB STAPLES has become a loyal native of the Southland since the war, having served a few years as an officer in the Regular Army, mountain batteries around El Paso, Texas. He lost his first wife a few years ago, and recently married again. He is in the textile business in New Braunfels, Texas.

Debonair BILLY WATSON is dashing around town as usual and still is an active worker in the old "Army Game" as 1st Lt., Hdqrs. Battery, 103rd F.A., Natl. Guard Col. HAROLD R. BARKER (M) commanding.

C BATTERY

HARRY SAMSON, former Secy. of the R. I. State Unemployment Relief Commission, and Publicity Director of the Providence Community Fund, has been appointed Field Representative of the Temporary Emergency Relief Administrator of N. Y. State. "Sammy" has been a prominent citizen of Providence in past years and will be greatly missed here.

Judge KENNETH D. JOHNSON (M) of the District Court of East Norfolk, Mass., is actively supporting Gov. Joseph B. Ely of Mass. in the work of doing away with the practice of Judges pleading before their own courts.

104TH AMBULANCE CO.

The 104th Ambulance Co. will hold its annual reunion on April 21, 1934, at the U.T.A. Armory, 44 Harrison St., Providence, R.I.

Buddies, if you cannot attend, drop a line to the secretary, A. H. MITCHELL (M), 119 Pitman St., Providence, R. I., and let us know you are alive and kicking.

—A. H. M. (M)

102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

D BATTERY

RAYMOND J. KAVANAGH, 33 Rogers Ave., Norwich, Conn., wants to hear from old comrades of D Batt., New Bedford. If any one reading this notice remembers and knows the present whereabouts of Dr. SHANNON or Nurse AKON, formerly of Base Hospital No. 53, Langres, France, kindly inform Ray.

101ST MACHINE GUN B'N.

The 101st Machine Gun Battalion Association held a most successful gathering at the University Club, Hartford, on February 21. With the city still digging out from the recent blizzard the attendance was naturally about half what was expected. After a brief message by our President, GEORGE BERLIN, the floor was given to RICHARD "DEKE" HASTINGS who told us of his trip through France and Belgium in 1929: Mont le Neufchateau, Nancy, Braisne, Vregny, Ailleval, Pinon, Soissons, Toul, Mandres, Seicheprey, Flirey, Mont Sec, etc., on through. It was a most interesting description of his trip and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. "Deke" has a raft of reels which he took while on his trip and they will be shown at our next gathering.

PHIL WAINWRIGHT and BILL MURRAY read letters from our old friend, "BOZ" HAWLEY, who is with the International News Service, and at present stationed in Berlin, Germany. Boz was editor, composer, printer, etc., of the first publication in the A.E.F. His letters were most interesting, and we hope to hear from him again very soon. WILSON "POP" FALLS then brought up the subject of a memorial to our departed comrades. Remarks on the subject by DAVID WISE, JOHN COSTELLO, PHIL WAINWRIGHT, ART NIELSEN, DODO MCGINN and ERNIE CLARK (M). Prexy Berlin appointed a committee to report back at the next meeting. Refreshments were then served and at midnight our first midwinter meeting was adjourned.

—BEN A. BOURN (M)

101ST TRENCH MORTAR BAT.

The war pictures published daily by the papers have caused a lot of interest throughout New England. Recently one of the young sons of a veteran seemed disappointed that his dad's picture (JOSEPH T. KARKOS of Lisbon Falls) was not shown. His father assured him that he was too busy while in France to have his picture taken, which answer seemed quite satisfactory to young Lloyd.

101ST TRAIN HQ. & M.P.

Heard from Clarence J. Smith of Hq. Train. He is located at 428 E. 168 St., N. Y. City. He writes me that he would like to hear from some of his old pals. He has not been in touch with any of the boys since 1919. Drop him a line.

Nelson Brewer in Worcester, still with the American Tel. & Tel. and very much married.

Say, what happened to that big YD Club that was being organized by Jack O'Dea and the rest of the boys in Lowell? Show signs of life, will you, Jawn?

Had a letter from ANTHONY HALLY (M) of Manchester, New Hampshire; he is a member of the police force up there I think. He always did make a dandy looking cop. He has rejoined the Y.D.V.A. Welcome back "Antwine."

Our old friend JOHN "PHESIE" DOUCETTE HARRINGTON (M) has made a splendid recovery after about eleven years of battling the old gas in his system. Mandres almost ruined "Phesie," and by the way, lest we forget, you know he had the fastest horse in the A. E. F. John has rejoined the Y.D.V.A. Good Luck, John.

After looking over some of the pictures in the "Boston Globe," and seeing those old familiar scenes it makes a fellow realize that quite a bit of time has elapsed. It is seventeen years ago that we entered the Chemin des Dames; we are getting old, boys. One picture that I have not seen in the "Globe" is that house in good old Soissons with the steel door that many of the boys used to like to use for a dugout if they happened to be in Soissons after dark at night. Do you remember? Were you ever in there? Ask "Punk," he knows.

I guess that all the news hawks in the different towns must have gone to sleep as I have not received any items of news for some time. Let's hear from you, boys and let us know what is doing.

Your correspondent begs to report another addition to the family, a little girl, that makes three, both father and child are doing fine.

—WILLIAM F. MURRAY (M)

ENGINEER ENTRIES

The big get-together at the Armory on April 7, under the auspices of the Engineer Welfare Association, comes too late to be reported in this issue. It should be the best in the History of these Annual affairs, special entertainment and refreshments having been arranged for by Mrs. Lyndell, Mrs. Collins, and the other splendid loyal women of the Welfare.

BUZZINGS OF B

The turnout for the B Company Reunion was remarkable for comparatively short notice, due to the inability to get the Armory when expected. Over fifty of the faithful responded, and there were many present who had not been on deck for a number of years. Neither time nor depression seems to have done any appreciable damage to the gang, although some contours may be said to be a trifle "portly." A week of HI LANDON's (M) "double time" would soon remedy that situation.

The "Sunday Herald" of February 25th contained a picture of several worthies of B Company in characteristic poses "over there," leaning on a shovel, etc.

With the changes made by repeal, the Buzzings of the Bee take on a more staid rumble, and though the spirit of hilarity may still be said to be rampant, much study "or sumpthin" has brought about a certain dignity not always apparent heretofore.

Let us make these rare occasions something to look forward to each year, and let each man take it upon himself to make contact with at least one member who has been backward in coming forward. If you are a real Bee, get busy and give out a few co-operative buzzes. Don't stick too close to the hive. The queen will let you off once a year.

Some of the chaps who haven't shown up for years and some not once since discharge from Uncle Sam's Free Boarding School were "WILD" BILL FLEWELLING, ARTHUR FRECHETT, and EDDIE MAGUIRE, who was inveigled to sing his famous ditty "Pat McGowan's Wake."

ARTHUR J. ARSENAULT sent in a note saying that he hadn't heard from any of the gang for 10 years and being out in Fitchburg, Mass., couldn't attend the party.

Jack Bagnall writes from California that he sees BOB MORRIS and BILL BUXTON (M) frequently and would like to hear from FRENCH and some of the other fellows.

ERNEST MCLAUGHLIN is having a tough struggle out in Arizona, but finds his health is getting much better.

ALBERT BUTTERS has had tough luck in losing his job with the A. B. See Elevator Company after being with them for the last twenty years. Another blow due to the depression! Worse than that, poor Al is stranded out in Detroit, a hell of a place if you ask me!

After the reading of quite a few letters from some of the fellows who live too distant to be present at the party, the following officers were proposed and elected:

Honorary President: DONALD G. KIMBALL
President: HORACE Z. LANDON (M)
1st Vice President: PAUL H. PRESTON
2nd Vice President: JOHN H. GOOD
Secretary and Treas.: VERNON B. HITCHINS (M)
Executive Committee: WALTER E. LA PLANTE, JOHN MUNDIE, B. J. COONEY, CARLETON WHITNEY (M), EDWARD D. CLEVELAND.
Vice President: (Rhode Island) CORNELIUS A. RILEY.
Vice President: (New Hampshire) AUSTIN A. MURRAY.
Vice President: (Maine) GEORGE H. GILMAN.

BERNARD COONEY is going to send out a letter in the near future regarding advantageous features of certain veterans' laws and civil service jobs both Federal and Massachusetts.

If "Corn" Riley has his way, and I think he should, the next party will be a Rhode Island Clam Bake. "Corn" is way up in politics down "that-a-way" and as near as I can make out even the Governor has to count on "Corn" to be elected.

—"THE DRONE" (M)

Was called on the phone to-day to act as correspondent for old B Company.

On February 6, at the First Corps Cadets Armory, B Company really got down to business and formed a permanent organization with definite objectives in view, as follows: to meet once a year regardless, the date to be January 24 of each year, as on that date our late beloved "Captain Johnny" first saw the light of day, and was immediately handed a "chaw" of tobacco.

A good feed was put out by "peanut" LYMAN, and with the refreshments and the lively girls, one "bon" time was had by all.

FLEWELLING, where did you get that black eye; BAGNALL, the boy with the big stick, and our artist at Huntington Beach, Cal.; FRYE (M), our sage and councillor is with General Foods, Inc., New York; VERN HITCHINS (M), put all your money in a trust fund and Hitch will see that it is cared for. He is a Director of the State Street Trust Co., you know; MERTON GASSETT still holds a job at the Brockton Engineering Department, despite the election; BILL HALLETT (M) misses his Swiss Navy and dreams of Bazoilles, while keeping store in Milton; A. K. SHAW is still with National Biscuit Co. and living in Belmont; JIM SWEANEY is a 40 and 8'er now, and can he take it! Going to Miami, Jim? CARL WHITE—where are you, Carl, never see you around any more; ZIBA KEITH (M) in tough

shape physically and financially—a word of cheer to Halifax, Mass., would not be amiss; ARTHUR DESMOND, how is the gin mill at Clinton, ask us up some time. —BLACKEY

CAPERS OF C

Remember that guy, "Grabber" WHITAKER (M), "Slim" in other words? He's living at 634 Dick Ave., Hamilton, Ohio. He's a great guy, that fella, is Vice President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

And the greatest news of all. ALLEN LYNDELL (M) came on to end the depression, all the way from California. Said he handled the situation out there with practically no difficulty. Seriously, he looks well. You know Allen's mother is President of the Engineer Welfare Association this year. What a tireless woman she is is evidenced by the work she has done for the boys who, I know, have been better off, both physically and mentally, because of her and her work. Your wonderful work is appreciated, Mrs. Lyndell, and yours too, Mr. Lyndell.

HOWARD PORTER is seen by your snooper once in a while, down in Wollaston. Was Howard in C Co.? You can't prove it by me.

LINDY BOND, ARTHUR STANLEY, MITCHELL, Sgt. DAVIS and the rest of youse guys, what about it? Do you belong to C Company? Prove it by writing in to keep this column alive. We asked for co-operation, and so far we have had—none. I'm not ashamed of my connection, and neither should you be. If you send in your bit about yourselves, I'll do my share; if not, let's call it quits on this column. I have some good news for the next month's issue, so let's see if I write it or not. It's up to you. Send letters to BOB LAWRENCE or BILL HARRIS (M), at the YD Club, Boston. —C. W. H. (M)

CARL ZOLLINGER announces as of March 18 that he has taken over the management of one of the more promising of the 1934 crop of young heavyweights, and is looking for matches for his good boy. Young Walter, or "Spike" to his intimates, has a new wrinkle (in fact he has a good many) in his training stunts. He lives entirely upon milk, which accounts for his health, strength and lung power. Mrs. Zollinger is in charge of the hospital and training camp, and reports progress. "Spike" fights at 8 lbs., 10 oz. cribside. Our congratulations.

C Company has twelve members of the YD Club of Boston: BEATTIE (M), BOUVE (M), BRYDEN (M), CARTER (M), CONNOLLY (M), ELLIS (M), HARRIS (M), HEALD (M), JENNY (M), PRICE (M), WALDRON (M), and WHITAKER (M). There should be more with some hundred men or more around Boston.

BILL BARBER (M) wrote us that he could not attend the C Company meeting in January, and in the course of a very interesting letter, said: "Naturally, I follow YANKEE DOINGS very closely, and you will perhaps be interested to know that a copy travelled all the way around the Truscon Steel Co. organization at Youngstown, Ohio, among men who served the U. S. during the World War. They were all keenly interested in DOINGS, and they complimented the Division for the splendid effort put forth to produce such an excellent publication." Let's just stop and think what could be done if EVERY YD MAN felt that way.

—H. W. H. (M)

FANCIES OF F

Your correspondent was the guest of Amesbury Post, A.L., during the early part of February, upon the invitation of CHET BAILEY (M), who is one of the officers of the Post. We spoke on the opportunities of the service man to "serve in Peace as we did in War."

PHIL PALMSTROM (M), JIM KEENAN (M), LEA REDFIELD (M), NATE BROWN (M), LAWRENCE COTIE (M) and yours truly were among those present at the special meeting of the YD Club of Boston on March 27. At the Smoker on March 15, we saw CHET BAILEY (M), WIN LLOYD (M), ELMER CASEY (M) and others.

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

A few days ago I had a letter from ROY CORWIN who is still in Monrovia, Liberia, East Africa, but who says that he hopes to come back to America this year. Well, here's hoping.

ERNIE GRAY tells us that it has been a very mild winter in Portland, Oregon—no snow and some of the flowers have been growing the whole season; cripes, and here where I am the crocuses and other Spring flowers haven't even started to come up yet!

The following is about the Signal Corps Reunion for us in "this part of the Country"; mention of it was made in the last issue of DOINGS. Notices were sent out two weeks ago and the response has been most gratifying. The reunion will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at The Penn-Harris in Harrisburg, Pa. About $4.50 will cover the cost of three meals, bed, etc. We are having special rooms fixed up "with plenty of ice" and we'll not have to curb our singing and yelling, if any. From time to time notices will be sent to all the addresses that I have for those living in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York State. If anybody wishes for more information just drop me a line. It looks now as though there'd be at least 25 old vets present. Come along, little dogie! come along!

—GEORGE WASH. TWOMBLY (M)
The Canandaigua
Canandaigua, N. Y.

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